

Gender Identification

LGBTQICAPF2+ Wondering what it all means?
Hopefully this guide will help sort things out for you.

Lesbian | **G**ay | **B**isexual | **T**ransgender | **Q**ueer | **Q**uestioning | **I**ntersex | **C**urious | **A**sexual, **A**genda, **A**lly
Pansexual, **P**olysexual, **P**olyamorous | **F**riends, **F**amily | **2** = Two-spirit

Lesbian - A homosexual female

Gay - A homosexual male

Bisexual - A person who is sexually attracted to both men and women.

Transgender - A person whose sense of personal identify and gender does not correspond with their birth sex.

Queer - An umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities who are not heterosexual or cisgender. Originally used against those with same-sex desires or relationships in the 19th century.

Questioning - A process of exploration by people who may be unsure , still exploring and concerned about applying a social label to themselves for various reasons.

Intersex - A person who is born with a combination of male and female biological characteristics , such as chromosomes or ambiguous genitalia.

Asexual - A person who lacks sexual attraction to others , or has low or absent interest or desire for sexual activity.

Demi-sexual - A person who does not experience sexual attraction unless they form an emotional connection. An orientation halfway between sexual and asexual.

Pan-sexual - A person who is sexually , romantically or emotionally attracted to another regardless of their sex or gender identity. Generally considered "gender blind. "

Omnisexual - Very similar to pan-sexual. Omnisexuals are attracted to all genders and they are aware of the other's gender and gender can still be a factor in their attraction.

Gender neutral - A gender classification where an individual does not feel / belong to either gender.

Gender queer - Also known as Non-Binary, gender-queer is a catch-all category for all gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine. Gender queer people may express a combination of masculinity and femininity.

Pan gender - A non-binary gender identity. A pan-gender person may consider themselves a member of all genders. Courtney dresses masculine or feminine depending on the mood of the moment and does consider herself male or female but rather pan-gendered.

MSM - Men who have sex with men. A purportedly neutral term used in public health discourse. A problematic term because it obscures social dimensions of sexuality.

WSW - Women who have sex with women. A purportedly neutral term used in public health discourse. A problematic term because it obscures social dimensions of sexuality.

2 Spirit - A modern , umbrella term used by some indigenous North Americans to describe certain people in their communities who fulfill a traditional 3rd gender ceremonial role in their culture.



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