A USEFUL GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY - AN INTRO



Sexual Orientation - who you fancy

Note: There are many more and all are flexible: everyone is different

Lesbian

Females who fancy females

Gay

Males who fancy males - also used for females who fancy females

Bisexual

People who fancy more than one gender

Pansexual

People who fancy all genders

Heterosexual

Females who fancy males and males who fancy females

Gender identity - how you identify

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Trans

Identifying as a different gender to what is assigned on your birth certificate

Cisgender

Identifying as the same gender assigned on your birth certificate

Intersex / DSD (Differences in sex development)

People born with various combinations of hormones, chromosomes and/or genitalia. Intersex people can be any gender or any sexual orientation

Gender fluid

Not having a fixed gender

Non-binary

Not identifying as male or female