



Task Force

Terminology Guide



Asexual/Ace: No sexual attraction to other people.

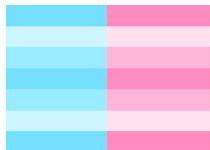


Bisexual: Attraction to men and women.



Cisgender: Gender identification with the gender or sex that was assigned at birth.

Demisexual: Does not experience sexual attraction unless they form an emotional connection.



Gay/Lesbian: Attraction to the same sex.

Gender: A set of culturally defined attitudes, behaviors, and roles associated with certain sexes (i.e., man, woman, nonbinary).

Gender Identity: Internal sense or identification with a specific set of gender roles or behaviors. Essentially, how you feel inside and how you express and identify it (i.e., cisgender, transgender, genderqueer, cross dresser, and many more).



Intersex person: An individual with sex characteristics atypical of what is medically accepted as male or female.

Nonbinary: A gender in which an individual does not identify exclusively with either masculine or feminine genders. Can encompass many different gender identities.



Pansexual: Attraction is not contingent upon gender or sex (e.g., “hearts not parts”).

Queer: Self-defined sexuality or gender identity.

Sexual Orientation: Physical (i.e., biological), emotional (i.e., psychological), and/or romantic (i.e., social) attraction to another person or people.



Sex: Biological classification based on genetic and physical characteristics (i.e., male, female, intersex).

Transgender: Gender identification with the gender or sex opposite that was assigned at birth.

