NHS Espresso – LGBT Inclusion Part 3



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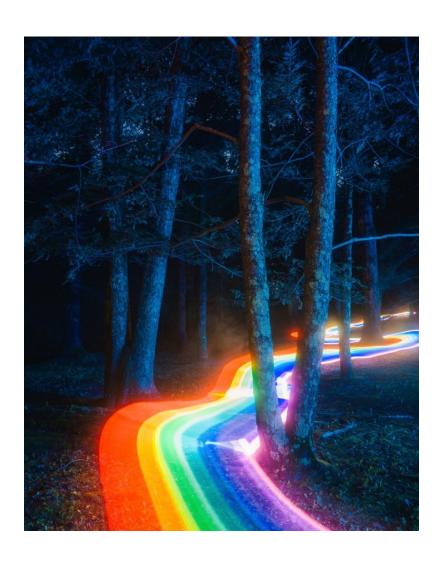
Overall Training Objectives

To review our understanding of LGBTQ identities, communities and mental health; what's different and why?

Expand understanding of the challenges that LGBTQ communities face

To deepen awareness of trans issues, trans care pathways, and trans experiences

Where we're headed!



- The Privilege knapsack
- Minority stress
- Intersectionality



Group agreement

Space for learning

Confidentiality

Respect for other identities and experiences

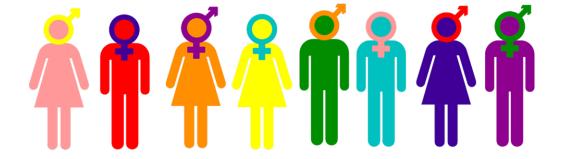
Reserve the right to change your mind

Share the airtime

Oops and ouch approach

Questions please





Trans identities



The Gender Unicorn

Gender Identity

Gender Expression



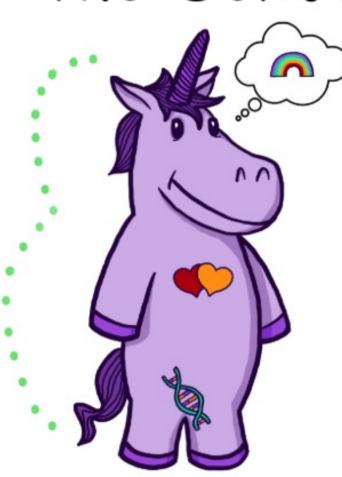
Female/Woman/Girl

Male/Man/Boy Other Gender(s)

Feminine

Men

Other Gender(s)



Sex Assigned at Birth

Female Male Other/Intersex

Physically Attracted to

Women Men Other Gender(s)

Emotionally Attracted to



To learn more, go to: www.transstudent.org/gender

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The Trans Umbrella

Transmasculine Gender non-conforming

Queer

Transgender Androgynous

Non-binary

Agender

Transfeminine

Transsexual

Genderqueer

Transvestite

Genderfluid

Intersex Trans



NONBINARY

An umbrella term for a person who identifies with or expresses a gender identity that is neither entirely male nor entirely female

ANDROGYNOUS

Identifying and/or presenting
as neither specifically
masculine nor feminine

GENDER FLUID

One who embraces fluidity of gender identity

AGENDER

One who does not identify as a particular gender

GENDER NON-CONFORMING

One whose physical or behavioral characteristics do not correspond to the traditonal expectations of their gender

GENDERQUEER

One who does not identify with a single fixed gender



Transmasculine

a term used to describe transgender people who were assigned female at birth, but identify with masculinity to a greater extent than with femininity.

Transfeminine

a term used to describe transgender people who were assigned male at birth, but identify with femininity to a greater extent than with masculinity.



Transsexual

An older term for transgender people, still used by some but used less and less due to it's medical connotations. Essentially means the same as transgender, but the term is falling out of fashion.

Transvestite

A person who likes to dress in the clothes associated with the 'opposite' gender (i.e. a man who likes to wear women's clothes).

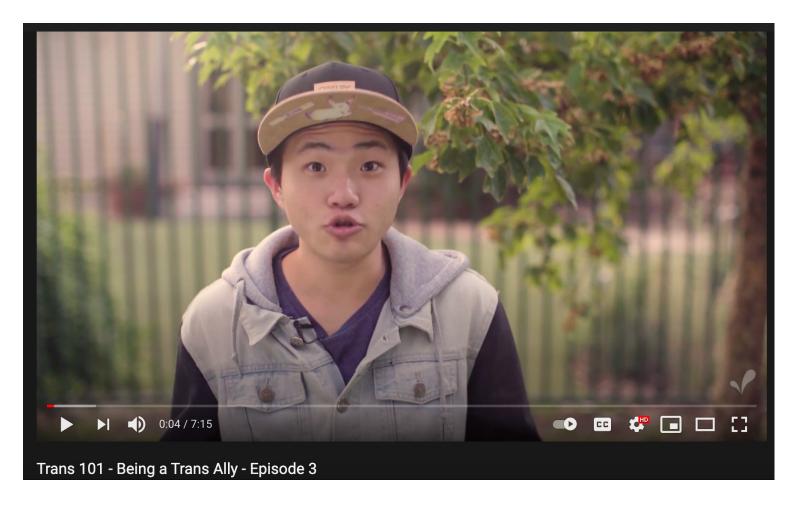


Gender Neutral Language:

- Folks, guests, or everybody instead of guys or ladies/gentleman
- Humankind instead of mankind, People instead of man/men
- Machine-made, synthetic, or artificial instead of man-made
- Parent instead of mother/father
- Child instead of son/daughter, Kiddo instead of boy/girl
- Sibling instead of sister/brother, Nibling instead of niece/nephew
- Partner, significant other, or spouse instead of girlfriend/boyfriend or wife/husband
- Flight attendant instead of steward/stewardess
- Salesperson or sales representative instead of salesman/saleswoman
- Server instead of waiter/waitress
- Firefighter instead of fireman



Minus 18 - Being a Trans Ally - Video





Breakout Discussion

In your work, what can you do as individuals, and what could be done on a policy level to demonstrate your trans awareness and trans allyship?

- Consider how to influence your team culture, and the work your team may do with patients or members of the public.
- Don't just think about the big issues but also smaller things which might link to trans people's experiences of minority stress, as we discussed last week.

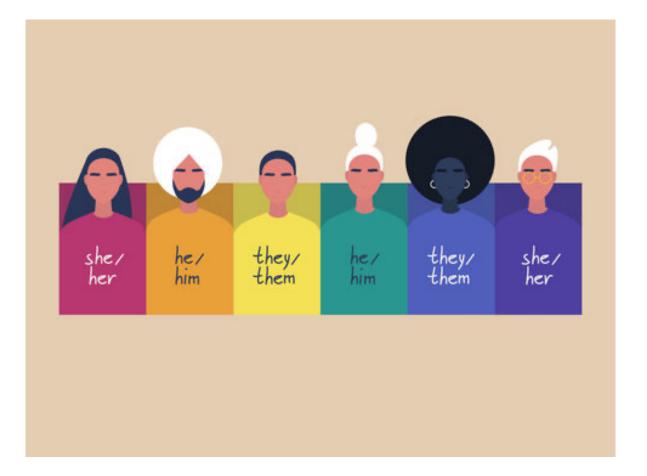
'Trans in the Workplace' Video





Pronouns and Honorifics

- Always respect a person's pronouns, just like you would someone's name
- It's good to ask privately & politely
- If you can't ask someone, use 'they' until you know.
- Use their name
- Some use the gender-neutral honorific Mx
- Honorifics are not mandatory
- Correct each other (kindly)







Pronouns Best Practice

- Meeting people for the first time
- EDI / Contact information
- GDPR and accuracy of data
- Pronoun Badges
- Email Signatures
- Pronounarounds
- Don't trivialize it



If you make a mistake





If you make a mistake

Strategies for when you Misgender someone









Calm your defenses

Listen and practice self-management.

Breathe!

Apologize and acknowledge your mistake

Apologize without leading with your intention

"I'm so sorry."
"Wow I really messed that up - sorry!"

Express gratitude for correction (if applicable)

Thank them for their courage for correcting you

"Thank you so much for telling me"

"I really appreciate your feedback"

Commit to doing better, then do better!

Actions over promises! How will you work on this? Practice out loud? Write it down?





Questions?





Transition 101

- Transition is the process of changing from living in the gender you were assigned at birth to living in the gender you identify as
- This can be split into social and medical transition
- This is not a given for all trans and non-binary people
- Often the result of many years of worrying, thinking, researching and planning





Social transition

- Coming out choosing a new name, asking people to use this name and different pronouns
- Changing physical appearance e.g. clothes, hair
- Informing friends, families, partners, children
- Informing authorities HMRC, banks, new passport, doctors, DVLA, DWP etc
- Informing work
- Deed poll
- Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC)



The Gender Spectrum Collection – Broadly

Issues with social transition

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- Rejection from friends, family, partner, children
- Some places may not accept your deedpoll out of ignorance
- Workplace discrimination
- GRC can be problematic for married people
- Inappropriate or intrusive questions
- Isolation





Medical transition



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- GP can refer to a Gender Identity Clinic
- Lack of institutional knowledge
- Set of appointments over 12 months to gain a diagnosis of 'gender dysphoria'
- Hormones
- Surgery wait can be up to 5 years
- Speech therapy
- Can go privately for any of these, but the cost is high

Issues with medical transition

- Long waiting lists
- Medical staff with out of date or incorrect info
- Side effects from taking hormones
- Self medicating
- Painful, expensive surgeries with high risk of complications
- Can lead to loss of fertility

Useful websites: transhealth.ucsf.edu (learning centre) or wpath.org

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