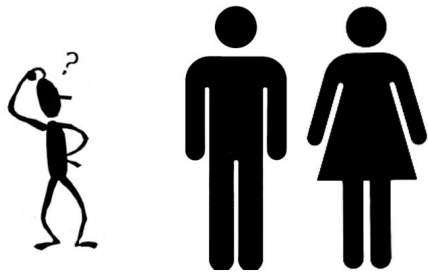


About TGD

Transcending Gender Denton was founded in Fall 2004 to address the needs of transgendered students on the University of North Texas campus and the Denton area. We are a social outlet, a place for support, as well as a campus activist group. Membership is free and open to anyone interested (allies are always welcome).



How to Deal When a Friend Comes Out as Transgendered

- Try to understand that their gender identity differs from their sex.
- Try to become comfortable using their preferred name and pronouns.
- Respect their right to privacy.

Resources / Links

Ally Program:

<http://orgs.unt.edu/ally>

Division of Equity and Diversity:

<http://www.unt.edu/edo>

Gay and Lesbian Association of Denton:

<http://orgs.unt.edu/GLAD/>

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance:

<http://fmla.homeip.net/index.php>

Men Against Violence:

<http://orgs.unt.edu/mav>

International Foundation for Gender Education:

<http://www.ifge.org>

For more links and library resources on transgendered topics, please refer to our website.

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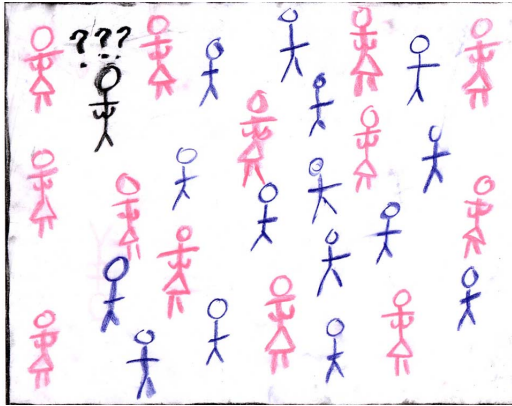


Gender Identity

Self-Identification

Acceptance

"To deny someone's gender identity is to deny the person that they are."



Sex and Gender: The Difference

Sex is determined by biological differences, like hormones, chromosomes, and genitalia.

Gender is determined by social and cultural characteristics. People often follow gender roles, which are norms for a gender set by a society.

For many people, their sex and gender are either the same or similar enough to interact normally in society.

However, sex and gender are part of a continuum, as there are many variants to each. There are some people whose sex and gender are so different that they cannot interact properly in society according to their prescribed gender role.

What does “transgender” encompass?

The term “transgender” includes people who are born intersexed, those who strive to adjust their sex to match their gender, and people who choose to express themselves through transvestitism.

Definition of Terms

Androgynes - People who present themselves androgynously, that is having characteristics of both or neither genders.

Intersexed - People with medically established physical or hormonal attributes of both the male and female sex.

Transgender - A generic term for all people whose sex and gender conflict with each other.

Transsexual - A person whose gender identity is so strongly opposite of their sex, that they seek to alter his or her body to match the identified gender.

Transvestites (Crossdressers) - People who adopt the dress and often the behavior typical of the opposite sex for self-expression.

TransMissions: Campus Activism

Student Housing

Our first mission is to secure housing for transgendered students that live on campus. This is a difficult task and we are exploring different ways that this can be instituted. For the time being, students are encouraged to either room with a close friend or to request a single room at College Inn. As of April 2005, we are negotiating with the head of housing.

Bathrooms

There are now two unisex bathrooms installed in the Union, next to the Syndicate. For a complete list, check out website.

Ally Improvements

We are now conducting our own segment in the Ally panel called “Trans 101”, which is a short presentation on what gender is and what it means for transgender people. Notes for this presentation are on our website, under Resources.

Health Care

While TWU has an excellent staff that is able to care for a transgendered student's mental and physical needs, UNT lags behind. We are keeping a directory on our website for medical resources for transgendered people.