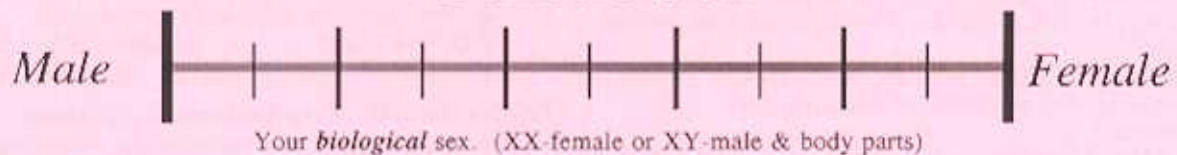
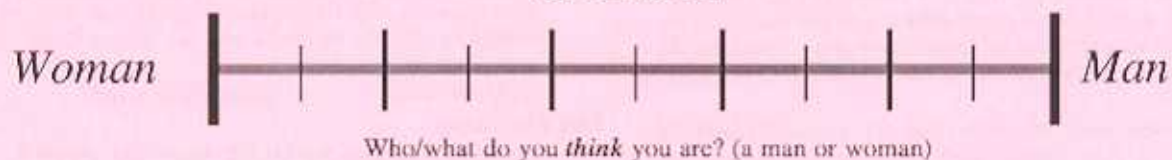


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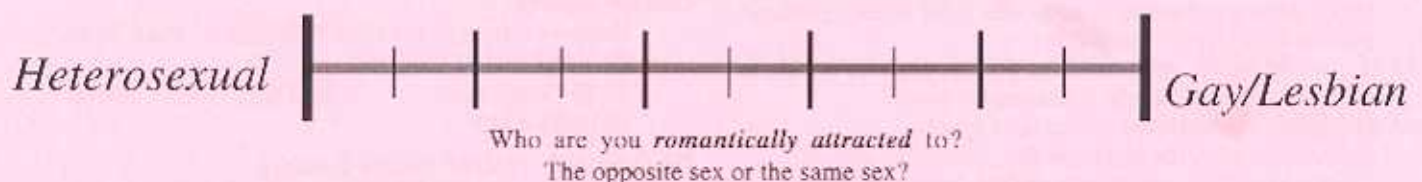
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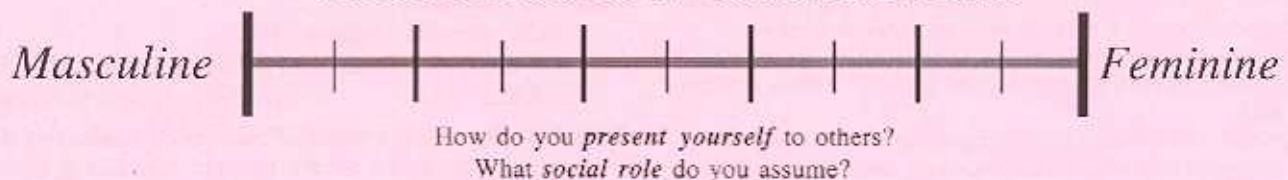
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Transgender Definitions & Resource List

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Transgender Clarifying the Diversity

Transgender: a broad term used to encompass all manifestations of crossing gender barriers. It includes all who crossdress or otherwise transgress gender norms, and all others who wish to belong. The *Minnesota Human Rights Act* includes transgender people and defines them as: "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness."

Crossdresser: the preferred term for one who enjoys dressing as their opposite gender; a part-time activity which can involve a degree of exploration into gender identity.

Transvestite: the original term for "cross-dresser", which has acquired a connotation of fetishism and perversion.

Bi gender / Dual gender: a person who possesses and expresses a distinctly masculine persona and a distinctly feminine persona. Is comfortable in and enjoys presenting in both gender roles.

Transgenderist (cross living): a term used specifically to describe a person who expresses a gender contrary to the normal expectation of their anatomy - most or all of the time-but feels no need for Gender Reassignment Surgery.

Pre-op Transsexual: one who feels their anatomy should be altered to correspond with their dominant gender; may live full-time in their dominant gender, but hasn't yet had Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) - or may never be able due to health or financial problems.

Post-op Transsexual: one who has had GRS and lives full-time, often preferring to drop the label since it refers primarily to their transition.

F to M or M to F: abbreviations used to describe female to male or male to female transgender people.

Two spirited (Berdache): term used by most anthropologists for transgender Native-American Shamans, whose traditions varied between tribes.

Female or male Impersonator: persons who crossdress as a performing art and/or as stage personalities. They may also consider themselves "drag performers" and may or may not consider themselves to be transgender.

Drag Queen/King: a man or woman dressed as the opposite gender, many times overdone or outrageous and may present a "stereotyped image." Often lesbian or gay.

Androgyny: a profound blend of gender which blurs the distinction between masculine and feminine.

The Third Sex: generally a term applied to transgender people who express a "gender alternative" to traditional masculine or feminine roles.

Gender Blending: dressing in such a way as to question the traditional feminine or masculine qualities assigned to articles of clothing or adornment. Gender bending may be a part of 'fashion', or possibly a 'political' Statement.

Inter sex (Hermaphrodite): one who is born with ambiguous anatomical features or features of both male and female.

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Education / Training Organizations

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Social/Support Organizations

City of Lakes Crossgender Community (CLCC)

A social/support organization for all transgender people & their spouses, partners & loved ones.

P.O. Box 14844 Minneapolis, MN 55414

Voice Mail: 651/229-3613 clcc@clccmn.com

Tri-Ess Sorority, Tau Epsilon Mu Chapter

A social/support organization for crossdressers only.

P.O. Box 40126 St. Paul, MN 55104

Voice Mail: 612/870-8536 triessmn@yahoo.com

T Men

Provides support, community, and socializing for everyone on the transgender spectrum who was assigned female at birth and no longer feels that is complete or accurate.

612/264-4749 tmen@tmen.net

Out For Good

Support Services for GLBT Students, Staff & Parents.

Minneapolis Public Schools, Student Services

807 N.E. Broadway Minneapolis, MN 55413

612/668-0183

Out for Equity

Support Services for GLBT Students, Staff & Parents,
St Paul Public Schools

1930 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108

651/603-4942

District 202, (GLBT Youth Center)

A safe haven for GLBT youth.

1601 Nicollet Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN 55404

612/871-5559 - <http://www.dist202.org>

Rainbow Families

GLBT parents Organization

310 East 38th Street, #204 Minneapolis, MN 55409

612/827-7731 connect@rainbowfamilies.org

P-FLAG - Parents, Family, Friends of Lesbians & Gays

Support group for GLBT parents, families & friends

P.O. Box 8588 Minneapolis, MN 55408

612/825-1660 - <http://www.critpath.org/pflag-talk>

InfoLine (OutFront Minnesota)

24 hour GLBT Community Information

612/822-0127 ext. 0, or 800/800-0350 ext. 0

International Foundation for Gender Education, (IFGE)

A 1,000-member international organization providing public education on cross-dressing, transsexuality, and transgender issues. Publishes *Transgender Tapestry*, magazine.

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