

Pride Month Vocab

Below is some vocabulary that is commonly used in the LGBTQ+ community. Please feel free to take this document with you.

Sex vs. Gender

Sex is a biological identity, usually assigned as a gender at birth.

Gender is the behavioral/cultural/psychological traits and expectations typically associated with being a specific sex in a given society.

Pronouns

Pronouns are a part of identity, like names, and are an essential part of respectful communication. If an individual has shared their preferred pronouns, please use them. Below are some examples.

-She/her -They/them -He/him

-Ze/Zim (One of the most popular gender-neutral pronouns. Pronounced as spelled)

Identity Terms

Ally: Someone who doesn't identify as part of the LGBTQ community, but supports them and promotes equality.

Androgynous:

Identifying/presenting as neither masculine nor feminine.

Bi: Abbreviation of Bisexual. Attraction to two or more genders (not limited).

Cis: Abbreviation of Cisgender. Individuals whose gender experience match the sex they were assigned at birth.

Gender Identity: One's concept of self as male, female, or neither.

Gender Queer: not exclusively male or female.

Can be some kind of combination, or neither.

LGBTQ: Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning.

LGBTQ+: Abbreviation attempting to encompass all identities including Allies.

Non-Binary: Doesn't identify as either Female or Male.

Pan: Abbreviation of Pansexuality. Attraction regardless of gender. Also attraction to personality rather than gender.

Queer: umbrella term often used to express fluid identities/gender identities/orientations.

Questioning: Process of exploring sexual orientation/gender identity

Sexual orientation: inherent enduring emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people.

Trans: Umbrella term for Individuals whose gender experience doesn't match the sex they were assigned at birth. Includes Transgender, Crossdressers, Non-Binary, and Gender Queer.

Transgender: One whose gender is different than the sex they were assigned at birth.