

# SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY TRANS\*?

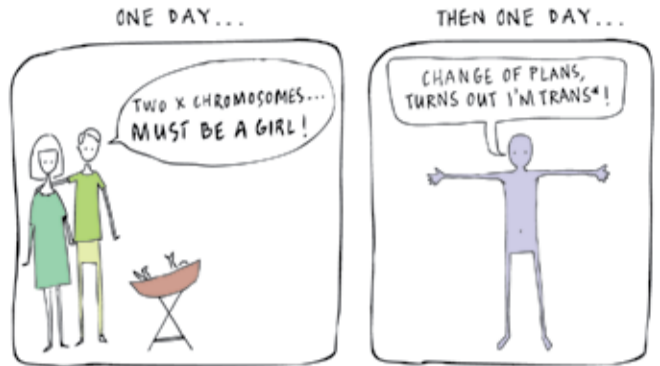
AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIES AS

# TRANS\*

WHEN THEY FEEL THAT THE GENDER THEY

# CHOOSE

TO IDENTIFY WITH IS DIFFERENT FROM THE GENDER THEY WERE ASSIGNED WITH AT BIRTH, BASED ON THEIR BIOLOGICAL SEX.



THE BODY I WAS BORN WITH AND THE ONE I HAVE GROWN INTO DO NOT DETERMINE...



GENDER IS NOT BINARY, NOR IS THE CLASSIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS INTO MEN AND WOMEN BASED ON THEIR SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS. GENDER IDENTITY IS NOT STRICTLY DEFINED BY ANATOMY.



# TRANS\*

with an asterisk (\*) is the term used to include, and that is not limited to:

Transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, non-binary, intersex, trans man, trans woman, agender... along with **THE DIFFERENT GENDER NON-CONFORMING IDENTITIES** that fall within the wide spectrum of Trans identities.



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# SEX

refers to the

• **BIOLOGICAL FEATURES** •

that are used to label someone as male or female. These features are determined by genetic, hormonal and developmental factors and shape a person's

## SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS

These characteristics, such as bodily hair and genitalia, can be the attributes of females, males or intersex individuals.

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# GENDER

refers to the

• **SPECTRUM OF IDENTITIES** •

that individuals attribute to themselves. These identities include men, women and trans\* individuals among other gender identities.

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# GENDER ROLES

refers to the

• **SOCIAL ROLES** •

that society attributes to the biological sexes. These roles in turn define

## FEMININITY AND MASCULINITY

These social roles are different from one society to the other. What is considered a feminine feature in one society is not in another.

When individuals fail to

• **DIFFERENTIATE** •

between sex and gender, they often

# CONFUSE

trans\* identity with sexual orientation.

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BEING TRANS\* DOES NOT DEFINE ONE'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION. INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS TRANS\* CAN BE HETEROSEXUAL, HOMOSEXUAL, BISEXUAL OR ASEXUAL.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ONE'S

# GENDER IDENTITY

IS DIFFERENT FROM ONE'S

# SEXUAL ORIENTATION

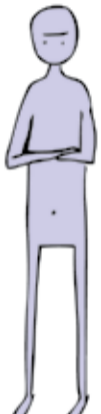


I COULD CHOOSE TO IDENTIFY AS ANYTHING FROM A STRAIGHT FEMININE TRANS\* MAN OR A GAY ANDROGYNOUS AGENDER OR AN ASEXUAL MASCULINE WOMAN

LET ME PUT IT SIMPLY!  
IT'S LIKE MAKING A SMOOTHIE, MADE FROM SMOOTHIES!  
AND THE BEST PART IS YOU GET TO MIX YOUR OWN AND COME UP WITH FUNKY NAMES FOR THEM.



TRANSPHOBIA IS TOTALLY UNCOOL.



Sometimes trans\* individuals are told that it is okay for them to engage in sexual acts with members of the same sex while keeping the assigned gender at birth, and are

## DENIED THE CHOICE

to assign the gender that they identify with. This is one

## FORM OF TRANSPHOBIA

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A REAL WOMAN.



CAN YOU SHOW ME YOUR GENITALS?



BUT WHAT IS YOUR ACTUAL NAME?



YOU DON'T NEED TO IDENTIFY AS TRANS\*, YOU CAN BE GAY



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# TRANSPHOBIA

refers to the

## • HOSTILE BEHAVIOR •

feelings and attitudes that people express against

## INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS TRANS\*

Transphobia is present within families, educational settings, the workplace, healthcare settings etc.

SOME TRANS\* ACTIVISTS AND RESEARCHERS SAY THAT THERE ARE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, BIOLOGICAL, GENETIC AND/OR HORMONAL

## CAUSAL FACTORS

FOR TRANS\* IDENTITY, OTHERS DISAGREE.

FOR SOME TRANS\* INDIVIDUALS IT IS

## IMPORTANT

TO KNOW THE REASONS BEHIND THEIR IDENTITY,

## FOR OTHERS IT IS NOT.

