

# Transgender

**refers to any person** whose *gender identity* or *gender expression* differs significantly from what is expected of them in their culture,

**and** for whom this difference is central to their identity and/or a significant part of their everyday experience,

**and** who uses the word transgender to describe themselves.

*Gender identity* is how someone understands themselves or feels inside, in terms of concepts like man, woman, boy, girl, transgender, genderqueer, and so on.

*Gender expression* is all the behaviors we do that have to do with gender – how we walk, talk, dress, and refers to ourselves – including the name and pronoun (he, she, or something else) that we prefer.