

# TRANSARCHY

## What is TRANSGENDER?

transgender is an umbrella term for people whose gender identification deviates from the traditional binary gender system (a system in which biological men & biological women act or appear as society expects). many trans people recognize the limitations of a two gender system where gender & gender roles are said to be biologically determined & based on genitalia alone.

We rebel against this socially enforced institutionalized gender system by creating our own definitions of what it means to be man, woman, or something else entirely.

### ★ trans people ★

Come in many different varieties and may have very individualized identifications. Some trans people may take hormones or make other physical modifications to "transition" into a more comfortable body while others may change their name and/or pronoun, use both male and female pronouns, or simply identify as trans without changing a damn thing.

transgender is not a code word for gay lesbian or queer. gender identification and sexual orientation are not the same! trans people's sexualities are as diverse as the rest of the world.



AS RADICAL PEOPLE, BREAKING DOWN GENDER SHOULD BE A PART OF OUR REVOLUTION.

## THINGS WE CAN DO TO BE TRANS-POSITIVE ALLIES:

- ASK RESPECTFUL QUESTIONS - ★ HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY?
- BEGIN TO LOOK AT AND BREAKDOWN GENDER IN YOUR LIFE BEYOND MALE AND FEMALE NORMS. ★ QUESTION THE ASSUMPTION OF WHAT'S NATURAL AND WHO IT BENEFITS
- THINK ABOUT EVERYDAY THINGS YOU DO THAT MAY BE AN UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION FOR A TRANS PERSON ★ USING A PUBLIC BATHROOM . . . . ?
- THINK ABOUT PRIVILEGE
- HAVE OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH PEOPLE ABOUT GENDER BUT REMEMBER SPEAK FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE
- RECOGNIZE AND TAKE ON TRANSPHOBIA IN YOURSELF AND IN THE GAY/LESBIAN QUEER COMMUNITIES
- BE SURE TO ALWAYS USE PREFERRED NAMES AND PRONOUNS AND IF BY CHANCE YOU FUCK UP EXCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT MAKING EXCUSES

## HOW TO CREATE TRANS-POSITIVE SPACES:

- HAVE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR AND ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE
- DON'T ASSUME THAT YOUR SPACE BEING QUEER, WOMEN'S, RADICAL, ANARCHISTS ETC., ARE TRANS INCLUSIVE
- INVITE TRANS SPEAKERS, PERFORMERS, ARTISTS WHATEVER TO YOUR SPACE TO BE A PART OF REGULAR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, BUT, ★ DON'T TOKENIZE OR PUT THE BURDEN ON THEM TO EDUCATE OR INFORM YOU.
- TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO BECOME EDUCATED AND TO EDUCATE, DON'T WAIT FOR IT TO BE AN ISSUE. ★ consider intersecting oppressions including racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and ableism. ★★ for more information ★★ there are lots of books and websites on this and related topics you should check out! here are just a few:

- My GENDER WORKBOOK by Kate Bornstein
- READ MY LIPS by Rikki Anne Wilchins
- GENDER OUTLAW by Kate Bornstein
- TRANSGENDER WARRIORS by Leslie Feinberg
- THE LAST TIME I WORE A DRESS by Daphne Scholinski
- BODY ALCHEMY by Loren Cameron
- trans liberation by Leslie Feinberg
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