

LGBTQ+

Tutor time activities for -

LGBTQ Awareness week, week beginning 15th May 2017

and

International Day Against Homophobia: 17th May 2017

What is LGBTQ+?

LGBTQ+ is an acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning, and others. It refers to a population of people united by having gender identities or sexual orientations that differ from the heterosexual majority.

What is gender orientation?

Each of us has a biological sex — whether we are female or male. Our **gender** is our social and legal status as men or women. And sexual **orientation** is the term used to describe whether a person feels sexual desire for people of the other **gender**, same **gender**, or both genders

What do the letters mean?

- **L: Lesbian**
 - Homosexual woman – women who are attracted to women.
- **G: Gay**
 - Homosexual man – men who are attracted to men.
- **B: Bisexual**
 - Man or woman attracted to both men and women.
- **T: Transgender/ Transsexual**
 - Transgender: a person whose sense of personal identity and gender **does not** correspond with their birth sex
 - Transsexuals: are people who transition from one sex to another. A person born as a male can become recognisably female through the use of hormones and/or surgical procedures; and a person born as a female can become recognisably male
- **Q: Questioning**
 - it means the individual is uncertain of his or her orientation
- **+: others**
 - There are many more ways in which people prefer to define themselves – useful link on slide 6.

Video on Transgender....

- Watch [this video](#) (42 minutes long, so split into two or three shorter viewings!)

Discussion – in small groups or led by your tutor, discuss.....

- How someone might feel, having been at school with the same friends for years, wanting to now be known as a boy not a girl?
- What might their barriers be?
- What could we/you do to make this easier for them?
- Do you agree that someone identifying as a boy, who is biologically a girl, should use the boys toilets and changing rooms?

Want to know more?

- More information can be found [here](#)

(This will also help tutors answer questions that may be asked.)

- Discuss any other aspect of LGBTQ+ that you find interesting.