# A TRANS DICTIONARY

Agender - adj. - not identifying as any gender; lacking an internal sense of gender

Androgynous - adj. - a gender expression that defies the idea of 'masculine' and 'feminine'; of indeterminate gender

Bigender - adj. - identifying as two genders, eg male and female, at the same time

Bottom surgery - noun - surgical procedure in which a vagina or penis is created

Butch - adj.; noun - a non-male masculine identity closely aligned with womanhood, originating in the lesbian community

Cisgender - adj. - having a gender identity that matches the gender assigned at birth

Cissexism - noun - behaviour that reinforces the idea that being cisgender is 'normal' and 'right and that being transgender is 'abnormal,' 'weird' or 'wrong'.

**Cisnormativity - noun - the assumption that everyone is cisgender** 

Clock - verb - being recognised as trans without consent

Crossdresser - noun - someone who wears clothes traditionally thought of as belonging to another gender Deadname - noun - the name a trans person no longer uses

Drag - adj. - performing gender expression theatrically

### Drag king - noun - someone who performs masculinity theatrically

#### Drag queen - noun - someone who performs femininity theatrically

Fa'afafine - noun - a Samoan person who was assigned male at birth but raised or otherwise identifying as female or outside of the gender binary

Feminine of center - adj. - identifying as feminine, but not necessarily female

Feminine presenting - adj. - presenting in a traditionally feminine

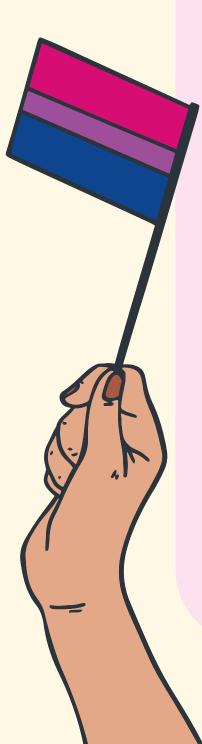
Fem - adj. - identifying or presenting as feminine

Femme - adj.; noun - a feminine identity closely aligned with womanhood, originating in the lesbian community

FtM - noun - an outdated term for trans men; 'female to male'

Gender binary - noun - the concept that there are only two genders, male and female

Gender confirmation surgery - noun - surgical procedures undertaken by trans people in order to feel like their body more closely matches their identity. Used instead of outdated terms like 'sex change,' 'sex reassignment surgery' and 'gender reassignment surgery'



#### Gender expression - noun - external presentation of gender through a combination of clothing, makeup, and behaviours

Genderfluid - adj. - an internal sense of gender that is fluid; a gender identity that fluctuates between two or more genders

Gender identity - noun - someone's internal experience of gender. Everyone has a gender identity, not just trans people

Gender nonconforming - adj. - presenting or behaving in ways outside of traditional gender roles and norms. Anybody can be gender nonconforming, not just trans people, and being GNC does not invalidate anybody's gender identity

Genderqueer - adj. - identifying outside of the gender binary; can be an umbrella term or a singular identity

Masc - adj. - identifying or presenting as masculine

## Masculine-of-center - adj. - identifying as masculine, but not necessarily male

Masculine presenting - adj. - presenting in a traditionally masculine way

Misgender - verb - to refer to someone as a gender they don't identify as

MtF - noun - an outdated term for trans women; 'male to female'





Mx. - noun - a gender-neutral honorific

**Passing - verb - to be perceived as cisgender** 

Skoliosexual - adj. - to be primarily attracted to other trans and/or nonbinary people (cisgender people can not be skoliosexual)

Stealth - adj. - to keep one's trans status a secret

Takatāpui - noun - a Māori identity for people who identify as something other than straight and cisgender

Tangata ira tāne - a Māori word for a man who was assigned female at birth

Third gender - noun - a reclaimed nonbinary identity for people of colour, indicating connection with history and culture

Top surgery - noun - surgical procedure in which breast tissue is removed and a male chest is constructed or in which female breasts are constructed/augmented

Transition - verb - the process a transgender person undergoes in order to feel more comfortable as their gender. Can include any combination of choosing a new name, using new pronouns, coming out to family and friends, buying new clothes/makeup, getting a new haircut, hormone treatment, gender confirmation surgery, etc. No two people's transitions will look the same.





Trans man\* - noun - a man who is transgender

Trans woman\* - noun - a woman who is transgender

Transphobia - noun - fear, hatred, ignorance of and discrimination against transgender people

Transphobic - adj. - negative attitudes, actions and behaviours, or thoughts towards transgender people

Transsexual - adj.; noun - an outdated word meaning transgender. Some transgender people use the word transsexual to describe themselves if they have or ar e intending to surgically transition

Twospirit - noun - a native American umbrella term for people who are not male or female

Whakawahine - noun - a Māori word for a woman who was assigned male at birth

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\*There should always be a space between the adjective and the noun that it is applied to.

