

Lesbian

A woman whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction is to other women. Some lesbians may prefer to identify as gay or as gay women.

GAY

Adjective used to describe people whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attractions are to people of the same sex. Sometimes lesbian is the preferred term for women.

Bisexual

Romantic attraction or sexual attraction, toward both males and females, or to more than one sex or gender. It may also be defined as romantic or sexual attraction to people of any sex or gender identity.

Transgender

A broad adjective that applies to people who live their lives expressing a gender identity that differs from the sex and gender role they were assigned to at birth.

Queer

An umbrella term used to describe individuals who don't identify as straight. Not Identifying as cisgender. Not identifying as straight. Trans/GNC folx tend to use this as their identity.

Asexual

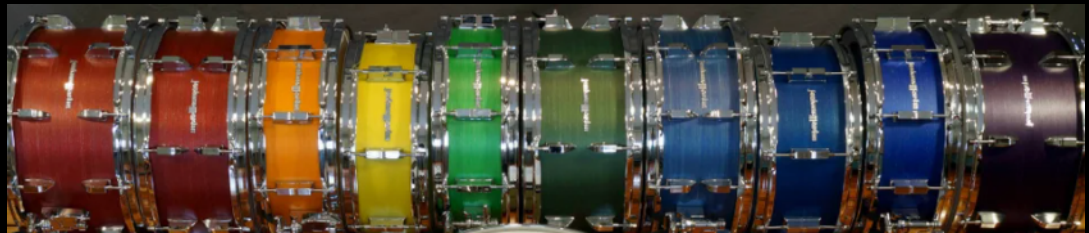
Describes a lack of sexual attraction. Some may experience romantic attraction. It exists on a spectrum with much diversity in individuals' experiences.

Ally

An ally is any heterosexual ("straight") person who opposes heterosexism and homophobia and supports LGBTQ individuals and causes.

Using Inclusive Language

Education is power. As educators, it is important to understand your students' identities. You have heard the acronym LGBTQIA+ as letters are added, it sounds a bit like alphabet soup and may be overwhelming. This page is designed to educate the reader about the various sexual/affectional orientation and gender identities comprised in that acronym. As a percussion community, we should seek full equality for LGBTQ performers and players. We should value diversity, encourage openness, and ensure safety and dignity. Understanding these different terms and identities will help make us a more cohesive community. This list is neither comprehensive nor inviolable, but it's a first step toward this goal. These definitions are the creation of cultural colloquialisms.



Gender identity, What is Gender?

A person's innermost concept of self as man, woman, a blend of both, or neither – how individuals perceive themselves and what they call themselves. Gender identity can be the same or different from one's sex assigned at birth.

Transgender

As stated above, an adjective used to describe people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned gender.

Cisgender

A person whose gender identity and biological sex assigned at birth align (e.g., man and assigned male at birth). The word cisgender can also be shortened to "cis."

Gender Fluid

A person whose gender identification and presentation shifts, both within or outside of societal, gender-based expectation.

Gender non-conforming (GNC)/ Non-binary

People who do not follow other people's ideas or stereotypes about how they should look or act based on the female or male sex they were assigned at birth.

Intersex

is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male.

Androgynous

An adjective used to describe a person identifying and/or presenting as neither distinguishably masculine nor feminine.

Resources:

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

<https://pflag.org/glossary>