**Androgynous:**  Having the characteristics or nature of both maleness and femaleness; neither specifically feminine or masculine.

**Asexual:**  A sexual orientation and/or identity of a person who does not experience sexual attraction.

**Bisexual:** A sexual orientation and/or identity of a person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to some males and some females.

**Cisgender**: Refers to a person whose gender identity and expression is aligned with their sex assigned at birth.

**Gay**: A sexual orientation and/or identity of a person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to some members of the same sex.

**Gender**: A societal construct based on a group of emotional, behavioral and cultural characteristics attached to a person’s assigned biological sex.

**Gender Binary:** The concept that everyone is one of two genders: male or female. The term also describes that system in which society divides people into male and female gender roles, identities and attributes.

**Gender Expression**: An individual’s physical characteristics, behaviors and presentation that are linked, traditionally, to either masculinity or femininity, such as: appearance, dress, mannerisms, speech patterns and social interactions.

**Gender Identity**: How we identify ourselves in terms of our gender. Identities may be: male, female, androgynous, transgender, gender queer and others.

**GenderQueer**: An identity of a person who identifies as and/or express themselves as somewhere in the continuum between maleness/masculinity and femaleness/femininity, or outside of the gender binary system.

**Heterosexual**: A sexual orientation and/or identity of a person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to some members of another sex.

**Homophobia:** An irrational fear or aversion to homosexuality or lesbian, gay, or bisexual people.

**Homosexual** : A sexual orientation and/or identity of a person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to some members of their own sex.

**Intersex**: A general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not seem to fit the typical definition of female or male.

**Lesbian**: A sexual orientation and /or identity of a person who is female-identified and who is emotionally and sexually attracted to some other females.

**Pansexual:**  Someone who is attracted to other people regardless of their gender identity, biological sex, or sexual orientation.

**Queer**: An umbrella term used to describe a sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression that does not conform to dominant societal norms.

**Transgender:**  An identity of a person whose gender identity is not aligned with their sex assigned at birth and /or whose gender expression in non-conforming.

**Transphobia**: An irrational fear or aversion to transgender people or those who are perceived to break or blur societal norms regarding gender identity or gender expression.