

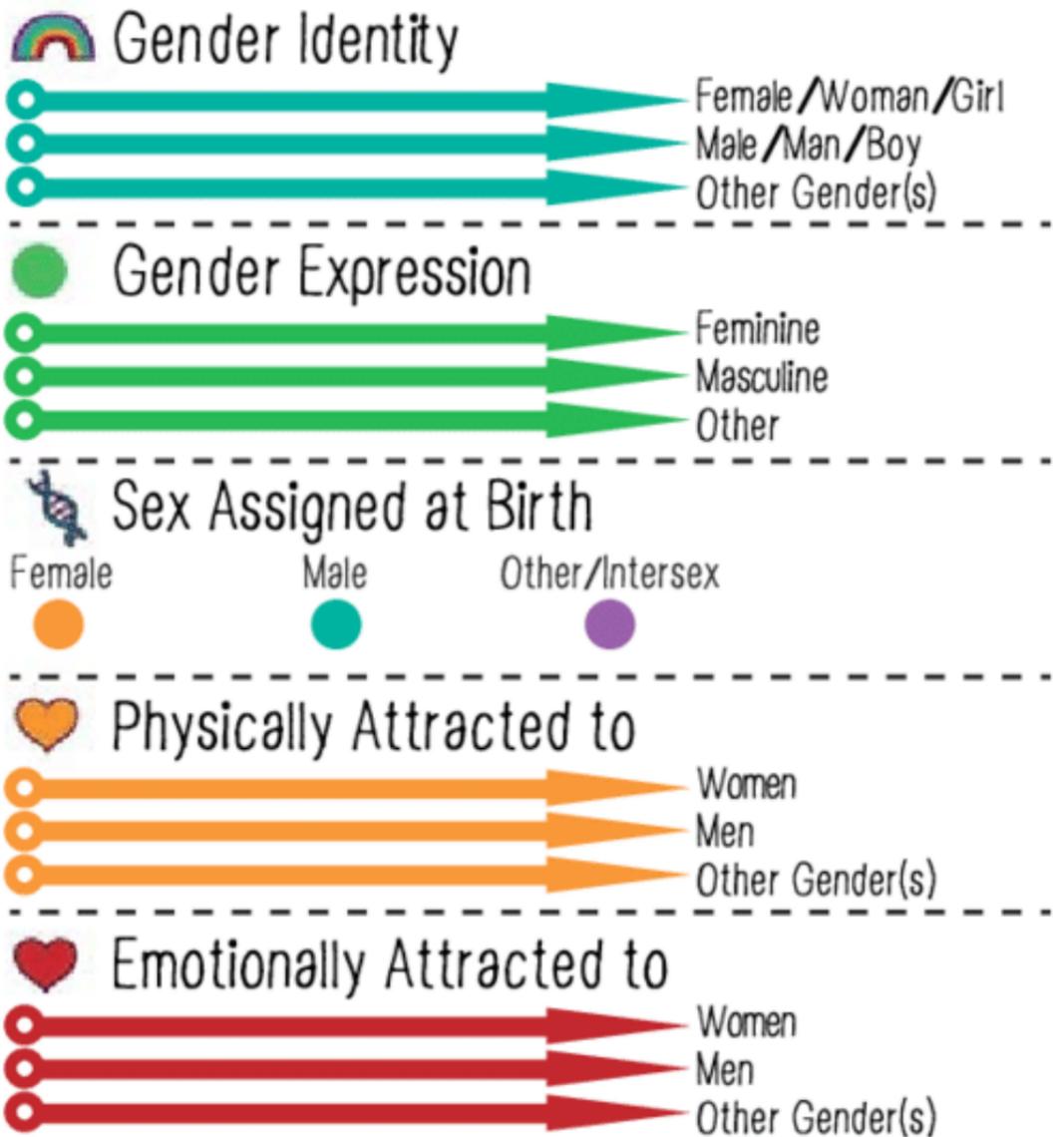
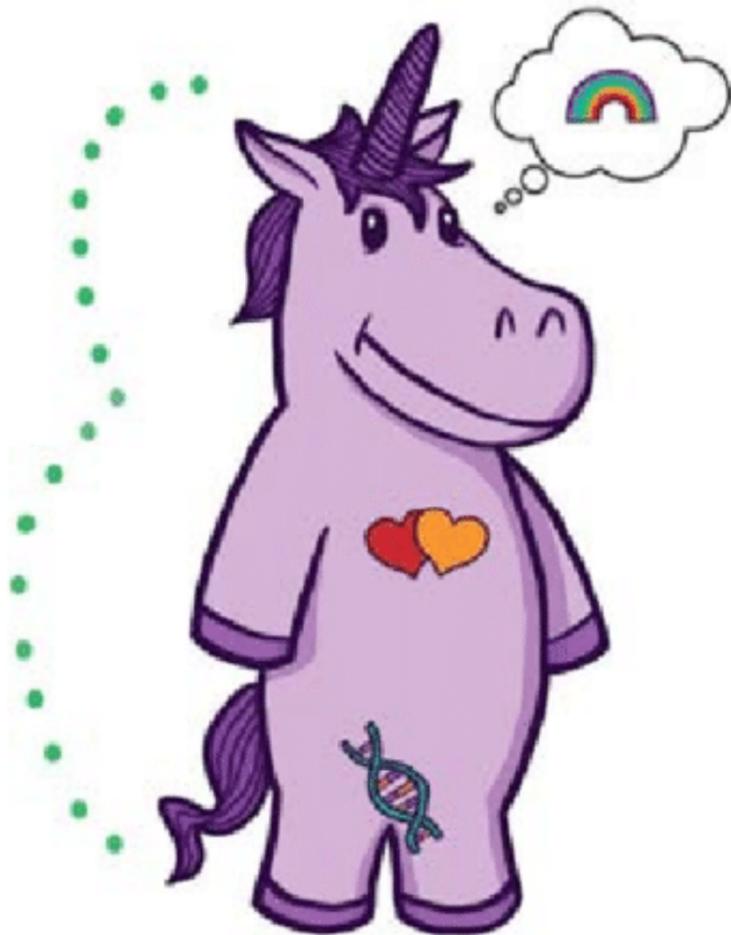


# The Gender Unicorn

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# Definitions

## Gender Identity

One's internal sense of being male, female, neither of these, both, or another gender(s). Everyone has a gender identity, including you. For transgender people, their sex assigned at birth and their own internal sense of gender identity are not the same. Female, woman, and girl and male, man, and boy are also not necessarily linked to each other but are just six common gender identities.

## Gender Expression/Presentation

The physical manifestation of one's gender identity through clothing, hairstyle, voice, body shape, etc. Many transgender people seek to make their gender expression (how they look) match their gender identity (who they are), rather than their sex assigned at birth.

## Sex Assigned at Birth

The assignment and classification of people as male, female, intersex, or another sex based on a combination of anatomy, hormones, and chromosomes. It is important we don't simply use "sex" because of the vagueness of the definition of sex and its place in transphobia.

## Sexually Attracted to

An individual's physical attraction to another. Gender expression and sexual orientation are not dependent; for example, a trans person can be heterosexual, bisexual, homosexual, asexual, pan sexual, or another orientation.

## Romantically/Emotionally Attracted to

An individual's romantic/emotional attraction to others. Just as gender expression and sexual/romantic orientation are not dependent; sexual attraction and romantic attraction are not necessarily tied either; for example, someone could be bisexual but romantically attracted to people of the opposite sex.

## Example of how to fill out your own Gender Unicorn:

Many people are curious if agender and asexual people were included in this graphic. In short, they are. For example, identifying on the left of the sexuality spectra would indicate no attraction. Each arrow is a sliding scale, not a checkbox.

## It's all a Continuum

Notice that gender identity, gender expression, sex assigned at birth, and physical & emotional attraction exist on a continuum, not a binary, i.e. a person will fall along the length of a single arrow, rather than fall into a single checkbox or category. Also note that, for some, these qualities can shift and move on that continuum: for example- I may express myself and dress super feminine today, and less feminine tomorrow.

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