

General Information
Questions
&
Answers

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In October 1996, a course given at the 519 Church Street Community Center by the Queer Exchange attracted a group of about 20 people. The topic was Transsexual Identities on Transsexual Terms.

When the course ended, some of us wanted more. The Instructor, Mirha-Soliel Ross, was a very dynamic and had woken a desire in us to continue with ongoing issues in the Transsexual Community. Together we met and over the first few meetings we hammered out what kind of issues we wanted to deal with, and how we would deal with them. As a result a new group was formed, the "Transsexual / Transgendered Action Committee".

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Transsexual Transgender Action Committee

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Our Mission Statement

"To address Current Issues affecting the Transsexual / Transgendered Communities, And to Create Links Between Ourselves and the Public Through Advocacy, Education, Media Contacts, as well as Through Community Outreach & Service"

"WORKING
FOR A BETTER FUTURE"

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(TTAC) formed in 1996 to address issues affecting the Transsexual/Transgender communities and to create links between the TS/TG communities and the public through advocacy, education and outreach projects.

Here are a few general definitions:

Transsexual,

having the physical characteristics of one sex and the psychological characteristics of the other (e.g., a male who identifies as a woman or a female who identifies as a man).

Cross-Dresser,

someone who from time to time wears the clothes of the opposite (of their physical anatomical) gender, to relieve gender discomfort. Cross-dressers want to appear as convincing as possible as their other selves. A large subset of this group are men who enjoy dressing as women and have otherwise ordinary marriages with wives who are not transgendered. Many say this term is preferable to transvestite, which means the same thing, (from Transgender Nation).

Transgendered,

an umbrella term used not only to include but especially unite politically all the people who cross the lines of the sex and/or gender they were assigned at birth.

Transphobia,

the groundless fear and hatred of cross-dressers, transsexuals and gender benders and what they do and everything that results from this from disrespect, to denial of rights and needs, to

violence, (from Transgender Nation).

These terms deal with gender identity and are not to be confused with sexual orientation. A transgendered person can be attracted to one sex and/or the other. (Transsexuals can identify as heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual.)

The following points are general indications of appropriate conduct when interacting with the Transsexual/Transgender communities:

- When you must use a gender specific pronoun, it is better to use the pronoun of the gender that the Transsexual is presenting. (i.e. for a female to male use "he" or "his", not "she" or "hers").
- Please use the name given by the person, do not use any other variation of the name given.
- If you must use a "label" that indicates that the individual is a Transsexual, call a male to female a "Transsexual" woman, and a female to male a "Transsexual" man.
- Do not "**WARN**" people when you will be introducing them to a Transsexual. People's reaction to the "TERM" "Transsexual", is the gauge that is used to Judge us!
- If you wish to make comments about a Transsexual's identity or Appearance, try to give them in a constructive manner in a private conversation.

" Please remember that Transsexuals receive as much enjoyment from having to justify their lives as you do. "

TTAC

is involved in outreach with various youth and social service organizations.

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Holds a General monthly meeting is held at the 519 Church Street Community Center on the Second Thursday of every month, between 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
All are welcome to attend.

Weekly committee meetings take place every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
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(Reconnecting Youth Services.)

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