

GENDER IDENTITY

A person's inner understanding of the gender(s) with which they identify. This is each person's unique knowing or feeling, and is separate from a person's physical body or appearance (although often related).

TRANSGENDER or TRANS

An umbrella term for anyone who knows themselves to be a gender that is different from the gender they were assigned at birth.

CISGENDER

A term describing anyone who knows themselves to be the gender they were assigned at birth.

GENDER EXPRESSION

The manner in which one outwardly expresses, signals, or performs their gender.

GENDER NON-CONFORMING

Used to describe people whose gender expression does not align with societal expectations based on their perceived gender.

GENDERQUEER

Describes a gender identity that is queer or that deliberately rejects societal gender norms. Someone whose gender identity is neither man nor woman, is between or beyond gender, rejects binary gender, is some combination of genders.

NONBINARY

A gender identity that specifically rejects the notion of binary gender.

SICKENING

Get your catwalk look just right and you'll be one sickening queen. Basically, you're just so fabulous, your fellow queens are sick with envy after just one look at you. Remember, it's good to be sickening.

REALNESS

When a drag queen is given a theme to meet, outfit-wise, the intention is to blend into the genre as though born into it. Manage that successfully and they are 'serving realness'.

DRAG

A way for someone to express a different side of themselves, over-exaggerating different looks, style and body language to create a persona.