

# TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

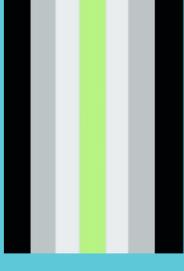
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**GENDER+SEXUAL  
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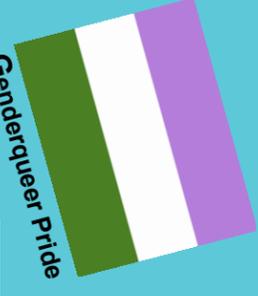
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Agender Pride



Genderqueer Pride



Genderfluid Pride



Transgender Pride



Nonbinary Pride



Did you know there are different pride flags for different trans identities? Here are a few!

## About the CCGSD

The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity is proud to offer programming, conferences, and opportunities year-round.

To get involved, or attend any of our events, please visit the CCGSD website at:

<http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org>

On our site, you can learn more about our:

- National Forums
  - GSA Forum
  - Allyship in Action
  - Service Providers' Summit
  - Conferences for Educators
- 20+ Regional Conferences across Canada, in every geographic region
- Training for businesses, NGOs, and governments
- Free workshops in schools!

Make every week awareness week!

## Why Transgender Day of Visibility?

In 2010 Rachael Crandall, a trans activist in Michigan, responded to community calls for a more positive, celebratory observance of trans identity. This was in response to the well-established Trans Day of Remembrance, which is observed each year on November 20th and is a memorial to all people lost to transphobic violence each year. TDOR is a somber event that is necessarily focussed on death and loss. In 2010, Rachael Crandall supported the first ever "Trans Day of Visibility", a counterpoint to TDOR and a celebration of the vibrant community among trans folks and their many accomplishments. In other words: it's kind of a party!

## Celebrating TDOR!

In honour of Trans Day of Visibility, here are some suggestions for how to celebrate the trans-tastic people in your life:

- **Have a party with trans coloured cupcakes!** Use blue, pink, and white stripes for the trans flag. For bonus points, make some with the colours of the genderqueer flag (purple, white, and green) or the nonbinary flag (black, white, grey, and yellow)!
- **Watch some trans media**, especially if it has a happy ending! We suggest:
  - **Her Story**, a Youtube series written, produced, and starring trans women!
  - Recommended for viewers over 14, as it contains drug use, limited sexual content, domestic violence, and misgendering.
  - **Gender Revolution**, a National Geographic documentary about trans folks all over the world.
- **Wear trans pins!** If you don't have any yourself, they are available through the CCGSD at: <https://jersvision.myshopify.com/collections/buttons>

TRANS PEOPLE HAVE EXISTED FOR LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF YEARS! HARSHETSUT, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PHARAHS IN ANCIENT EGYPT, IS AN EARLY EXAMPLE OF A GENDER TRANSGRESSING PERSON. THROUGHOUT HARSHETSUT'S REIGN, THE PHARAOH MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DESTROY EVIDENCE OF THEIR FEMALE SEX, INSTEAD TRYING TO BE PORTRAYED AS A MALE KING.



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## KEY TERMS

### Cisgender

People whose gender identity matches the gender they were assigned at birth. For example, if when you were born, doctors said you were female, and you still identify as female, you are a cisgender or cis woman.

### Transgender

People whose gender identity does not correlate with the gender they were assigned at birth. Transgender people may identify with another specific gender than the one they were assigned, or embrace a more fluid or nonbinary identity. It's important to respect trans people's pronouns and identity.

### Gender Identity

Gender identity is a person's individual concept of their gender. This is their gender identity as feels right to them inside. Some people may identify as male, female, neither, or both.

### Gender Presentation

Gender presentation is the way an individual communicates their gender to the outside world. Gender presentation is different across different cultures, but a simple example is that, in Western culture, dresses are a female-presenting article of clothing.

### Pronouns

Pronouns are the words we use to refer to people when we don't use their names. Ex. That bottle is Sarah's. It is her bottle. One of the most basic signs of respect for trans people is using the pronouns they use for themselves. Other examples of pronouns: he/his, she/hers, they/theirs, ze/hirs, it/its.