

# A Short Glossary

## Binary Gender

This means you identify as either a woman or a man. This is different from non-binary genders where someone may identify as neither, both, or somewhere in-between woman and man.

## Cis - Gender

Denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their sex assigned at birth.

## LGBTQIA +

The acronym used to refer to the queer community, with the corresponding letters standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual. The plus acknowledges identities that exist that are less commonly talked about and referred to and also acknowledges all cultural and indigenous identities too, for example takatāpui and fa'afafine.

## Pronouns

These are words and language used to refer to someone without using names. In Standard English, some singular third-person pronouns are "he" and "she," which are usually seen as gender-specific pronouns. A gender-neutral pronoun, such as "they," is one that gives no implications about gender, and can be used for someone of any gender. any gender.

## Queer

It's a term used to describe the many variations of sexuality, sex, and gender identity. Used interchangeably in this resource with 'Rainbow' community. This term, while once seen as negative, has been reclaimed and embraced by many members of the community.

# Support

## Uni Q

UniQ Otago provides a social support service designed to meet the needs of Dunedin-based queer and questioning students. We provide safe, queer friendly spaces and regular social events. We run these events through a group collective and are always looking for more help!

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## Dunedin Pride

Dunedin Pride Inc. is a new organisation with a vision to create an inclusive and affirming environment for queer/ rainbow communities in Dunedin and surrounding areas.

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## OUSA Queer Support

We are dedicated to making the University of Otago and the Otago Polytechnic the most inclusive tertiary institutions in New Zealand. Both institutions recognise that sexual orientation and gender identity are not fixed, but are part of what makes us the unique individuals that we are at any given time.

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# WHAT WE DO

## *Pastoral Care*

### *One on One Support*

Students use our services for a variety of reasons, such as 'coming out', academic advocacy or connecting to other queer folk on campus.

### *Queer Support Volunteers*

Each year we train a group of Otago University & Polytechnic students to help with peer support and other queer support services.

### *Groups*

Our support and social groups tend to change and develop depending on the needs of students. Check out our website for more information.

### *Queer Support Multimedia Library*

Our multimedia library has a variety of books, DVDs and TV shows with queer themes and characters.

## *Education and Advocacy*

### *Events Celebrating Diversity*

OUSA Queer Support runs events celebrating diversity on campus. These events help to raise the profile of queer students and culture on campus.

### *Workshops and Trainings*

We are regularly asked by Otago University faculty to run workshops or lectures to increase the knowledge of their students and staff on queer issues.

### *Queer Friendly Staff Network (QFSN)*

The Queer Friendly Staff Network was established in 2010 in order to provide staff with training focused on creating a queer inclusive campus.

## *Trans Information*

### *Changing Your Gender*

New applicants at the University of Otago will see three gender options M F D when they enrol. If they choose D Gender Diverse a new drop-box will appear where they can further specify their type of diversity. This second box is not compulsory.

There are also be two new titles Mx and Ind. Returning and current students will see the same information, and will be able to change their gender without having to supply documentation to support the change, in the 'My Details' area of their eVision portal.

If trans students need a new ID card because they are using their chosen name, they are eligible for an exemption on the replacement fee. Contact us at Queer Support for more information.

