



WHAT DOES 2SLGBTQIA+ MEAN?



The term 2SLGBTQIA+ is recognizing there is broad variation within the community, yet all stand together. This is the Acronym used by Oxford Pride.



There is variation in how people refer to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, including within the community itself. You may hear people say LGBT, LGBTQ+, Rainbow Community and more variations. What matters is you are trying to recognize the community when you speak. So please don't shy away from recognizing the community with fear of getting an acronym wrong. LGBT, LGBTQ+, 2SLGBTQIA+, they all demonstrate support, recognition and caring.



2SLGBTQIA+ is an acronym for:

2S: Two-Spirit. A cultural and spiritual identity used by some First Nations peoples to describe having both masculine and feminine spirits. It can include people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex.

L: Lesbian. Refers to women who are emotionally, romantically, or sexually attracted to other women.

G: Gay. A person whose primary attraction is to people of the same gender. The word can refer to men or women, although some women prefer "lesbian."

B: Bisexual. Refers to individuals who are emotionally, romantically, or sexually attracted to both men and women.

T: Transgender. Represents individuals whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. Transgender people may identify as male, female, or non-binary.

Q: Queer or Questioning. Queer is an umbrella term that encompasses diverse sexual orientations and gender identities that don't conform to societal norms. Questioning refers to individuals who are exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.

I: Intersex. Refers to individuals who are born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical definitions of male or female.

A: Asexual. Asexual individuals experience little or no sexual attraction.

+: The "+" symbol represents the acknowledgment of other identities that may not be explicitly listed in the acronym. It recognizes that the LGBTQ+ community is diverse and evolving, encompassing a range of identities and experiences.

WHY THE LETTERS MATTER



They recognize and validate the unique experiences and identities within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, fostering a sense of visibility, inclusivity, and representation for everyone.

IT IS OKAY IF YOU ARE LEARNING



It is completely okay and valuable to be in the process of learning about 2SLGBTQIA+ identities and experiences.



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