

Definitions

The definition of Trans is a person whose gender presentation is at variance with their registered sex at birth. They include transvestites, transsexuals and people who are transgender;

Transsexual (TS): is a person whose inner gender identity is opposite of their biological gender; such individuals firmly believe they are born in the wrong body. Surgery may have been performed producing a wide variation in changes from one sex to the other.

Transsexuals can be Female to Male (FTM) or Male to Female (MTF).

Transvestite (TV): is a person who enjoys dressing in clothes more usually worn by someone of the opposite sex. Also referred to as a Cross dresser. There is no sexual motive for dressing and they do not desire a sex change.

Transgender (TG): is a person who feels that they are both male and female. The word transgender is also used as an umbrella term to describe all Trans people.

Being transvestite, transsexual or transgender doesn't necessarily have any bearing on sexual orientation. Trans doesn't mean an individual is gay, lesbian or bisexual, most trans people are heterosexual.

Useful Numbers

Gender Matters

Tel: 01902 744424
www.gender-matters.org.uk



Gender Trust

Tel: 0845 231 0505
National Helpline
Tel: 0845 231 0505
Mon-Fri 10:00-22:00
Sat-Sun 13:00-22:00



FTM Network

Tel: 0161 432 1915
www.ftm.org.uk



The Beaumont Society

Info Line (24 Hr) 01582 412220
Help Line: 07000 287878



Gires

Tel: 01372 801554
www.gires.org.uk

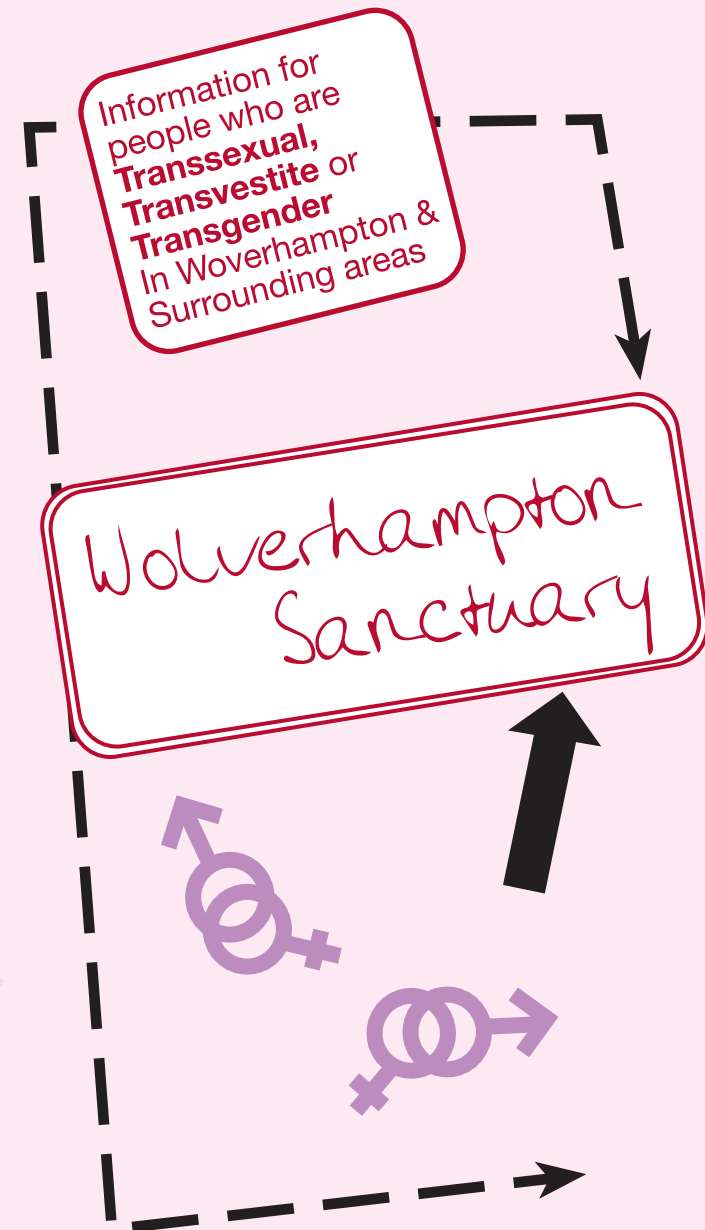


Wolverhampton LGBT Network

www.lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk



West Midlands Police Hate Crime Reporting
Tel: 0845 113 5000



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Sanctuary Wolverhampton

Sanctuary Wolverhampton was set up by Gender Matters in 2005 providing a local venue for local people from Wolverhampton and surrounding areas.

The weekly drop in center in Compton is well established and you will be made very welcome.

Sanctuary Wolverhampton is part of a regional network of Sanctuaries across the West Midlands.

About the Group

Sanctuary allows you to meet like minded people socially in a secure, confidential environment. To have your questions answered together with the Offer of further support, if it is required.

We open between 7pm and 9.30pm every Thursday evening in a safe quiet, discreet part of Wolverhampton, it is easy to reach by bus from the train and bus station, with a bus stop not too far away from our meeting place, we also have good free car parking facilities for your use.

In order to ensure that the location is safe and secure, we do not publish full details of our location but please feel free to contact us for further Information. After the meeting you have an option of going to a LGBT friendly pub if you like.

Facilities within the centre include:

- Changing Room
- Tea/Coffee Making
- Car Parking
- Main Events Training/ Meeting Room
- Lounge

For further information about Wolverhampton Sanctuary, please contact one of the group Paula on 07790623080 or, Amy on 07811297778 . Or alternately you can contact Gender Matters on: 01902 744424 or visit www.gender-matters.org.uk.

Other Services at Gender Matters

Gender Matters also holds other drop in sessions similar to Sanctuary that you are most welcome too attend.

Family and friends Support Group

The center also has regular meetings for family and friends of trans people.

Confidential Counselling Service

Gender Matters also hosts outside councilor service these are members of British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (B.A.C.P) complying with their Code of Ethics and Practice at all times.

For more details of our activities please call gender matters or visit www.gender-matters.org.uk.

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Other Groups in Wolverhampton

Other activities open to the LGBT community in Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton LGBT Network
www.lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk

LGBT Library Reading Group
Tel: 01902 552025

Journey Metropolitan Community Church
(Outreach Service Tel: 0121 634 3770)

LGBT Youth Group
www.x2y.org.uk
For Info Tel THT on:01902 711818

Out for Good

The group works with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) on the effects of mental health on the LGBT community covering training and education.
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/outforgood/>

Hate Crime



A Transphobic Hate crime is:

Any incident where you or anyone else has been targeted because of your gender identity.

Report hate crime now!! 0845 113 5000
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111