

17 MAI · JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE
CONTRE L'HOMOPHOBIE ET LA TRANSPHOBIE

lesbienne
gay
bisexuelle
transgenre

lesbiana
gay
bisexual
transgénero/a

lésbica
gay
bissexual
transgénero/a

lesbian
gay
bisexual
transgender

مثلية
مثلي
ثنائي (ة) الميل الجنسي
متحول (ة) جنسياً

LES MOTS POUR LE DIRE

lezbike
gej
biseksual-e
transgjinor-e

LES MOTS POUR LE DIRE

FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA

The terms used to designate lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT) are too often pejorative.

In all languages, words describing homosexuality and transgender identity in a non-stigmatizing way remain largely unused, and are sometimes even taboo.

How can we understand something we cannot name? How can we accept something we cannot imagine? Ignorance triggers fear, and fear leads to rejection.

The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT), on 17 May, is an opportunity for the City of Geneva to raise awareness about discriminations linked to sexual orientation and gender identity.

The 2016 campaign, which was developed, as every year, by the "Agenda 21 – Ville durable" (Agenda 21 – Sustainable City) service, in collaboration with local organizations, highlights words that describe LGBT people without stigmatizing them, in the six languages most commonly spoken in Geneva: French, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Albanian and Arabic.

● **Lesbian**

a woman who has an attraction and/or loving feelings for another woman.

● **Gay**

man who has an attraction and/or loving feelings for another man.

● **Bisexual**

a person who has an attraction and/or loving feelings for someone of the different sex or of the same sex.

● **Transgender**

a person who cannot recognize himself or herself in the sex attributed to their person at birth.



Fédération Genevoise
des Associations LGBT



UNIVERSITÉ
DE GÈNÈVE

APDH

Association
pour la Promotion
des Droits Humains