

The Acronym

2SLGBTQIA

BLUE – sexual orientation

RED – gender identity

BLACK – both/and or neither

2-Spirited - “Two-spirit” is used by some Indigenous people to describe their sexual orientation, gender and/or spiritual identity. It is also used in many contexts to describe all members of the LGBTQ+ community including those in polyamorous (more than two partners) relationships

Lesbian - women attracted to women

Gay - mostly men attracted to men

*also a general term to describe those not identified as heterosexual

Bisexual - attracted to all genders

Transgender - people who have been identified at birth as a gender that differs from their sense of self

Transsexual - people who transition from one sex to another with hormones/surgery

Queer – once a negative term for gay people, has now become a common and positive term used by members of the LGBTQ+ community

It has been taken back, so to speak

Questioning – people who wonder about their sexual identity and orientation and gender

Intersex – baby born with some version of both male and female genitalia

Asexual – people who feel no sexual attraction

*also may include allies although there is controversy over including allies in this group