

The Missing T: Baselining Attitudes Towards Transgender People in Northern Ireland

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General definition

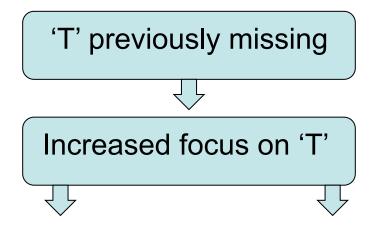
Transgender: a person whose gender identity and/or gender expression differs from the sex assigned to them at birth (TENI,2019).







The missing 'T'









Munroe Bergdorf: NSPCC cuts ties with transgender activist

By Ben Hunte BBC LGBT correspondent

BBC LGB1 correspond

① 9 June 2019



Transgender activist Munroe Bergdorf says she is "unbelievably sad" that the NSPCC has cut ties with her, days after she revealed she was Childline's "first LGBT+ campaigner".

Gender Recognition Act: 'Why we want identity rules changed'

 Newsbeat reporter

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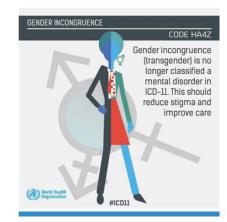




MY TRANSSEXUAL SUMMER

My Transsexual Summer - C4, 10pm



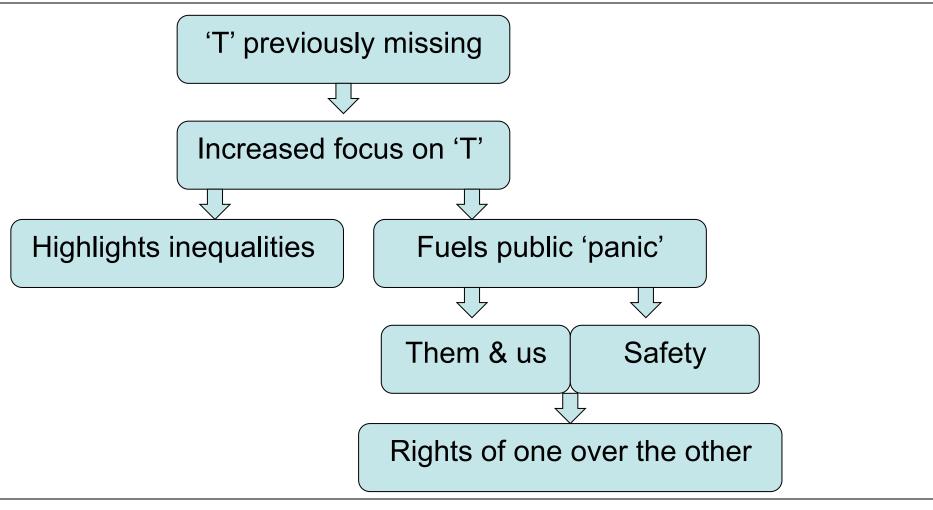


















The Problem of Definition

Survey definition:

'People who are transgender have gone through all or part of a process (including thoughts or actions) to change the sex they were described as at birth to the gender they identify with, or intend to. This might include by changing their name, wearing different clothes, taking hormones or having gender reassignment surgery'.







Five Reasons Why ...

(we should focus on T)







1. Because we haven't

- 'LGBT' = 'T' subsumed or missing
- Need to be explicit if we want to know
- While attitudes towards LGB individuals and rights have progressed (Jarman, Carr et al), we do not know if this extends to transgender people







- Self-defined prejudice
 - 72% 'not prejudiced at all' (BSA 82%)
 - 21% some level of prejudice (BSA 17%)

Interesting differences across the sample







2. Enables us to see diversity in attitude

- Recognition that transgender people experience prejudice and discrimination
- Public recognition that transgender people treated unfairly (48% in 2016 NILT)





	% of self-defined prejudice against people who are transgender
Gender Identification	
Female	17
Male	27
Age	
18-24	28
25-34	17
35-44	15
45-54	16

26

27

15

26

26

55-64

Religion

Catholic

Protestant

No religion

Social Contact

65+



- 3. Enables us to differentiate attitudes towards gender identity (rights and access) and attitudes towards sexual identity
 - Does acceptance of LGB people and LGB rights equate with acceptance of transgender people and trans rights?
 - On almost all measures (e.g. age, gender, religion) a higher proportion of respondents feel same-sex relations are 'wrong' than self-identify as transprejudice







Attitudes towards LGB issues and transprejudice

	%				
	Same sex relations wrong	Same sex relations not wrong	Same sex marriage not valid	Same sex marriage valid	
Prejudiced against transgender	52	9	57	9	
Not prejudiced against transgender	38	87	36	87	



4. Provides evidence related to high profile debates

- Use of public toilets
- Use of refuges
- Right to change birth certificate





	Transgender woman using a female toilet % (female only)	Transgender man using a male toilet % (male only)	Transgender woman using a refuge %	Transgender person changing birth certificate %
NILT Comfortable/ approving	59	55	54	53
BSA Comfortable/ approving	72	64	61	58
NILT Uncomfortable/ disapproving	24	28	24	22
BSA Uncomfortable/ disapproving	14	15	16	22
NILT Neither	12	13	12	18
BSA Neither	14	19	21	19
NILT Don't know	6	5	10	7
BSA Don't know	1	2	2	2



5. Enables us to speak back to claims and assumptions

Think about it.

'It will have serious consequences for women and girls'

Do you think adult males should be able to enter certificate, on demand. female-only sleeping and changing areas or domestic

Do you think fully intact, male-boo

Do you think intimate services should b by male-bodied people when a woman or girl has

written on their birth certificate, no questions asked? change to British law, known as Sex Self-ID, that Oct 19th. Do it now, for your mum, your sister, your would allow ANYONE to switch the sex on their birth daughter or yourself.

> But if ANY MAN can get his birth certificate reissued to say he was born female, just like that, with no changes to his body and no medical supervision, it

conforming people, which do not put women and girls at risk.

If you think Sex Self-ID is wrong, tell the Government

Go to fairplayforwomen.com to respond to the Government consultation. It just takes a few minutes.

Do you think anyone should be able to choose the sex. The Government is considering a revolutionary. There's no time to lose. The consultation ends on

Say NO to Sex Self-ID Say YES to common sense



Go to fairplayforwomen.com NOW







- In <u>all</u> cases ... females more comfortable/ approving than males
- 59% of females comfortable with a transgender women using a public toilet
- 64% of females comfortable with a transgender woman using a domestic violence refuge
- 57% of females approve of the right to change a birth certificate







Going forward...

- Ask questions that might reveal hidden prejudice
- Collaboration (issues and language)
- Broader definitions



