

Stonewall

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people.

At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full.

Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk

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Stonewall is proud to provide information, support and guidance on LGBTQ+ inclusion; working towards a world where we're all free to be. This does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel on any subject matter.

**'BE PROUD
OF WHO YOU
ARE, BUT ALSO
WHAT YOU
CAN ACHIEVE.
ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE.'**

AYLA HOLDOM

Ayla was born in Somerset and grew up on a farm with her parents, her brother and sister and of course her goats. She served as a helicopter pilot in the Royal Air Force for 13 years and was an extremely proud member of the RAF Search and Rescue team. Ayla now flies for the National Police Air Service, operating helicopters from Bournemouth. She maintains her links with the RAF Freedom Network, assisting on trans issues, as well as working with All About Trans, helping to encourage positive relationships and narratives with UK media.



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**'I'M JUST A
REGULAR GUY
WHO LOVES
SPORTS,
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WORLD AND BEING
PART OF OUR
INCREDIBLE TRANS
FAMILY.'**

BRANDON YEADON

Brandon was born in a small mining town in Zimbabwe. He grew up driving tractors on his parents farm during the holidays and playing sport every day during school term. He has finally grown up and is following in his mother's footsteps as an accountant. He is a member of Stonewall's Trans Advisory Group and is wildly excited about being so intimately involved with the UK's Trans civil rights movement.



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CAROLINE PAIGE

Caroline is a recently retired RAF Officer who, in 1999, became the first officer to transition gender in the British Armed Forces. She then enjoyed a highly successful 16 year career as a woman on Battlefield Helicopters, earning several awards for exceptional service. She now teaches European military helicopter crews, is an inspirational speaker, and her autobiography, *True Colours*, was released on 6 March 2017.



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CHARLIE MARTIN

Charlie is a racing driver, YouTube vlogger and trans woman. She grew up dreaming of becoming a fighter pilot and spent her childhood struggling to understand her gender - she found traditional ideas of male/female confusing. She sees herself as a tomboy - she loves motorsport and races throughout Europe and she has also competed on Ninja Warrior UK. She believes in breaking the mould, following your dreams and challenging gender stereotypes.



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CJ

CJ is a black, Christian, genderqueer young person who lives and works in London. They use gender neutral pronouns, such as they/them/theirs. CJ grew up in Trinidad and Tobago and enjoys fitting volunteering around their day job as a train operator. CJ enjoys cooking in their spare time and really hopes to be a parent someday. CJ campaigns for wider social and legal recognition of genderqueer and non-binary people and hopes to never be forced to tick 'male' or 'female' on another form ever again.



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CLAIRE JENKINS

Dr Claire Jenkins is a trans woman and convert to the Catholic Church. She was married with four children until she transitioned from male to female at 50-years-old in 1999. In 2013 she was awarded a PhD from the University of Sheffield for her research into the effect of transitioning on the family members of transsexual people. Currently she is a committee member of Quest, a Catholic LGBT group which offers pastoral care to LGBT Catholics. Claire is also a Stonewall School Role Model and volunteered to do this vital work to increase trans visibility among young people. Claire was a Deputy Headteacher of a secondary school.



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'TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET TRANSITIONED THAT YOU CAN SUCCEED AND YOU CAN BE YOURSELF.'

CLARA BARKER

Dr Clara Barker is a material scientist at Oxford University. Last year Clara also became the vice-chair of the LGBT+ Advisory Group for the university and volunteers at two Oxford LGBT+ youth and young adult groups. She strongly believes in allowing people to be themselves and to be judged on what they do, not who they happen to be.



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'TRANS PEOPLE ARE EVERYWHERE AND IN EVERY SOCIETY. BEING VISIBLE CAN SOMETIMES HAVE CONSEQUENCES. I WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE BEING TRANS IS CELEBRATED.'

FOX FISHER

Fox is an artist, film-maker, campaigner and a non-binary trans person, assigned female at birth. Fox is advisor to All About Trans, to help secure better representation of trans people in the media, including the BBC, The Daily Mail & The Sun. Fox co-created a Trans Acting course at Royal Central School of Speech & Drama, cast a trans lead in Will Young's Brave Man video and is a script consultant on trans issues. Fox plays Jake in Radio 4's Tales of the City, is a Patron for LGBT Switchboard, illustrated a children's book *Are You A Boy Or Are You A Girl?* and co-creates Trans Pride, Brighton.



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JUNO DAWSON

Juno is the international bestselling author of 10 titles for young adults including *This Book is Gay* and *Margot & Me*. She was the first trans woman to have a column in a women's magazine, in this case *Glamour UK*. She is also culture columnist in *Attitude* magazine and the founder of the Brighton cabaret night, *Club Silencio*.



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LENG MONTGOMERY

Leng is a bi trans man who works in diversity and inclusion. He advises organisations on ways to be more inclusive and accessible to everyone. He lives in London, loves to cook and plays Scrabble as much as possible.



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MUNROE BERGDORF

Munroe Bergdorf (she/her/hers)

Munroe is a transgender woman of colour, best known for her activism and work with fashion and makeup brands such as Uniqlo and Illamasqua. Munroe can often be seen raising awareness of issues that affect marginalised groups. She also works with the media to challenge stereotypes when it comes to gender, race and sexuality. You can follow Munroe on Instagram at @munroebergdorf.



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'DEMAND RESPECT FOR WHO YOU ARE.'

OWL

Owl (Ugla Stefania) is an award-winning trans activist, with an MA in gender studies. They were the official spokesperson for trans people in Iceland from 2010-2016 and founded the first queer support group in the north of Iceland in 2010. After that, they became the educational advisor of the organisation, working on education and giving lectures at primary and secondary schools. Owl was also a board member of IGLYO - International Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Intersex Youth & Student Organisation from 2014-2016. They've organised and hosted many events and taken part in many projects with different organisations and institutions around Europe such as Transgender Europe and the Council of Europe. Owl now lives in the UK and is on the Advisory Board of All About Trans and co-runs the My Genderation film project along with their partner, Fox Fisher.



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'GENDER VARIANT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS WORLD SINCE CREATION. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.'

SURAT-SHAAN KNAN

Shaan is Jewish and transmasculine. He spent most of his young years in the Mediterranean, and now lives in London. He is an international speaker and campaigner. He feels he's never quite fitted neatly into 'those little gender boxes of female and male'. He's an active member of the Progressive Jewish Movement, working as LGBTQI project manager for the UK charity Liberal Judaism. Shaan feels blessed to be part of a welcoming and inclusive faith community.



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