

AGENDER NEW ZEALAND MISSION STATEMENT

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To help the transgendered person and partner come to terms with transgenderism in a positive way.

To promote the emotional and social well being of it's members, & transgendered people in general.

To provide a safe and secure venue for transgendered people and families to meet together socially and to share information and ideas.

To eliminate the social stigma attached to transgendered people.

To educate the general public about transgenderism and work to create a more accepting world.

To take transgenderism out of the closet into the mainstream of life.

CONDUCT

Members shall always conduct themselves, at any function of the group, in a respectable manner and have regard for the feelings of other members.

CONFIDENTIALITY

A member shall not identify any other member in any way, without the express permission of that other member, unless required by law.

All members will have the strict regard for other members right to privacy and anonymity.



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WHO ARE TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE?

“Transgendered people- A nebulous category that can include anyone who crosses gender boundaries, regardless of whether that crossing is permanent or intentional; anyone who exhibits characteristics of a gender that does not match their apparent physical sex.”

James Green
President
FtM International

SOME TRANSGENDER SELF IDENTIFICATIONS

TRANSSEXUAL

Person whose gender identity is opposite to their assignment at birth. There are both Male to Female (MtF) and female to Male (FtM) Transsexuals. Not all Transsexuals undergo “gender reassignment surgery” (GRS) for various reasons such as cost and personal preference.

CROSSDRESSER

A person with a need to display opposite gender expression but are comfortable in their birth gender and do not wish to undergo GRS.

TRANSVESTITE

Original name for crossdresser from the Latin ‘trans’ = cross and ‘veste’ = to dress.

INTERSEX

Person born with mixed sexual physiology often surgically reassigned at birth. Only some intersex people identify as transgendered.

DRAG QUEEN

Female-emulating man, usually extreme unreal presentations. Mostly, but not always gay males.

DRAG KING

Male-emulating women. Mostly, but not always lesbian women.

THEY ARE...



Lynda

Has worked for many years in the hospitality industry and enjoys fashion, reading and travel.



Christina

A jewellery craftsperson. Formerly an engineer who loves the wilder parts of NZ.



Natalie

A self-employed contractor who enjoys tramping and the great outdoors.



Jamie

Works in the finance sector, and is completing a PHD in psychology and enjoys computers, sports and reading.

WHAT IS AGENDER NEW ZEALAND?

Agender NZ is a support and lobby organisation for transgendered people including their families, friends and co workers.

It was originally formed as CD Rom in March 1996 by Claudia and Janet McKay, a happily married couple who wanted support for themselves but could find nothing available in New Zealand at that time.

From the beginning it was decided to welcome anyone with gender issues, partly because of New Zealand’s relatively small population, but also from a wish not to discriminate between segments of the trans community.

The first meeting was attended by 5 people in Wellington and now we have members throughout New Zealand.

We endeavour to provide one to one help with individuals, where possible. We have organised many transgendered conferences (we believe unique in the southern hemisphere). We provide a quarterly newsletter and are constantly working on issues affecting the whole trans community, such as human rights, health, and identity document issues.

This is an exciting time for transgendered people throughout the world, attitudes are changing, acceptance is a reality for many and a real possibility for others, no longer a distant dream, opportunities for us are expanding all the time and Agender is amongst those leading the way in New Zealand.