Terminology

Cisgender: a person whose gender identity aligns with conventional social expectations for the sex assigned to them at birth

Pansexual: a person who experiences sexual, romantic, physical and/or spiritual attraction from members of all gender identities/expressions, not just people who fit into the standard gender binary (ie. Men and women)

Intersectionality: the concept of the interacting effects of the various aspects of an individual’s identity and social positioning-such as race, class, gender, dis/ability and sexual orientation

Bio-queen: a person who identifies as a woman dressing as a man who dresses as a woman; or a person who identifies as a woman performing as a drag queen

Down Low (D/L): a term primarily used in homosexual/queer male communities of colour, particularly those of African descent, denoting non-disclosure of homosexual desire, behaviour, or identity. See also closeted.

Ze/Hir: alternate pronouns that are gender neutral and preferred by some trans\*people. Pronounced/zee/and/here/the replace “he” and “she” and “his” and “hers” respectively. Alternatively some people who are not comfortable/do not embrace he/she use the plural pronoun “they/their” as a gender neutral singular pronoun.