

## June 2019 Spokane Diversity/Cultural Events

### LGBT Pride Month

June was selected as Gay and Lesbian Pride month due to the three-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event marked the first time that the gay community joined together to fight for their rights, thereby gaining national attention. The anniversary of this event was one of the reasons June was chosen as the national proclaimed month to celebrate GLBT pride. Visit <https://outspokane.org/> for the various activities taking place in the Spokane area.

### African-American Music Month

For generations, African-Americans have created music that communicates across racial boundaries, initially through spirituals while under the bondage of slavery and through modern genres of blues, jazz, ragtime, gospel, and hip hop. June honors the pioneers of African-American music and their legacy, and today's music artists. The website <http://blackmusicamerica.com/> is preserving and promoting the legacy and contributions of Black musicians. Originally started as Black Music Month by President Carter, President Obama has announced the observance under its new title.

### National Indigenous History Month (Canada)

Indigenous History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize the historic contributions of Indigenous peoples to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Indigenous communities and their promise for the future. For more information visit <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512>.

### National Caribbean American Heritage Month

A celebration of the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the U.S. In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>.

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The **YWCA Woman of Achievement** awards luncheon is an annual opportunity for YWCA Spokane to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of women in our community who demonstrate leadership through their professional work or service to the community. Through the below categories, selected honorees embody the mission of YWCA Spokane by giving generously of themselves to make Spokane a better place for all of its citizens to live: Arts and Culture, Business and Industry, Carl Maxey Racial and Social Justice, Community Enhancement, Education, Science, Technology, and Environment and Young Woman of Achievement. Deadline is June 21, 2019. For more information visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/woa2019nomination/>.

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### As Grandmother Taught: Women, Tradition and Plateau Art

Coiled and twined basketry and beaded hats, pouches, bags, dolls, horse regalia, baby boards, and dresses alongside vintage photos of Plateau women wearing or alongside their traditional, handmade clothing and objects, with works by Leanne Campbell, HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull and Bernadine Phillips.

#### Dates: August 2018 through December 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](http://www.northwestmuseum.org), 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org> or call 509.456.3931.

### **“Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West” Exhibit**

The exhibit tells the story of how Jesuit missionaries (Father De Smet) came to the interior Northwest at the invitation of the Coeur d' Alene and Salish tribes and the profound effects this sacred encounter had on both cultures.

#### **Date: Open, no end date at this time**

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily April through September, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm October through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (I-90, exit 39 – 60 miles east of Spokane)

Cost: \$5.00 park entrance fee, exhibit \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family.

For more information visit their website at <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission>.

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### **Can You Queer Me Now?**

#### **Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Democracy Now**

#### **Day: Monday-Friday**

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-5:00 pm

A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U.S. Link <https://www.democracynow.org/>. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish**

#### **Date: Saturday**

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

*Democracy Now!* is a national, daily, independent, award winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.

Website: [www.kyrs.org](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org).

### **Detention**

#### **Day: Monday**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Variety music/talk show for teens by teens. This show is produced by the students of West Valley City School. Hosted by Kade, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Dragonflies on Thin Air**

#### **Day: Sunday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One of the few elementary age children's radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more. Hosted by [Trevor, Zoe, Eva and Selena](#), KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Irish Music on Tap**

#### **Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Music from Ireland, Scotland and England. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Latin Lounge****Day: Monday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

A wide spectrum of Latin music. Hosted by “Corazon” on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Layali Arabia****Day: Saturday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rahmi on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Queens of Noise****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by “Queen of Mean” and “Luscious Duchess”, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**QueerSounds****Day: Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. Hosted by bob, KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>. Join the hosts on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/qsounds](http://www.facebook.com/qsounds), or email them at [queersounds@kyrs.org](mailto:queersounds@kyrs.org).

**The Persian Hour****Day: Saturday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

The Persian Hour’s consists of a variety of Iranian music from hip hop to traditional, Jazz, blues, rock and roll and the usual. Also, they will share stories, recipes, and interviews. Hosted by Shahrokh, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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**35th Annual ArtFest**

Three-day art festival in Coeur d’Alene Park in historic Browne’s Addition. Over 150 artisans, food booths, live music, wine and beer garden, art-making tent for kids of all ages.

**Dates: Friday, May 31– Sunday, June 2 2019**

Time: May 31: noon to 7:00 pm, June 1: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, June 2: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Coeur d’Alene Park in Brown’s Addition, between Chestnut & Spruce (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/support/artfest>.

**Citizens Academy: Spokane Police Dept.****Dates: June 1-2, 2019**

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on June 1 and 9:00 am-5:00 pm on June 2, 2019

Location: SPD Academy, 2302 N Waterworks Street

Cost: Free

For more information go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/citizen/training>. To register, email Alaina Gump at [agump@spokanepolice.org](mailto:agump@spokanepolice.org).

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride in the Park****Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Coeur d' Alene City Park Band shell, Coeur d' Alene, ID (west or resort, NW Blvd &amp; Mullen Ave)

Cost: Free

Sponsored by North Idaho Pride Alliance. Family friendly celebration of LGBT diversity.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pride Cruise****Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Lake Coeur d' Alene

Cost: On-line \$25.00, \$45 for couple tickets, \$30.00 day of

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/>.**The Muslim World and Muslims in Spokane**

Did you know that a significant number of Muslims living in Spokane are refugees? The first refugees arrived in Spokane in the 1980s fleeing war in Bosnia & Herzegovina - victims of genocide. Currently Spokane is also home to refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Come learn about their fascinating story and their faith.

**Date: June 1, 2019**

Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St.

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=4> or call 509.444.5300**Fleeing Civil War to America**

Luisa Orellana-Westbrook tells her story of fleeing El Salvador's civil war over 30 years ago after her father was "disappeared" by a death squad. Her family sought refuge in the United States in a church participating in the sanctuary movement. She has been an ESL educator for years and remains involved in the refugee community. Her story continues to be an important one to hear during the global refugee crisis.

**Date: Sunday, June 2, 2019**

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=1>.**Pride Breakfast 2019 – Being Out to Build our Strength Within**

Keynote Speaker: Bryce Hughes PhD, Assistant professor, Montana State university.

**Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

Time: 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Location: Spokane Valley Events Center, 10514 E Sprague Center

Cost: \$15.00 each

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/659134307879306/>.**Pronouns and Why they Matter: An Education Forum**

Do you want to know more about Gender Identity and using the correct language? Then this is for you! Please join us for an educational forum on pronouns and learn about issues presented from the HRC, during our trip to the "Time to Thrive Convention" in Anaheim, CA. Speeches presented will range from, "Transgender Rights," "The Trevor Project", "People of Color in the LGBTQ+ community" and everything in between.

**Date: June 4, 2019**

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: SCC, Hagan Foundation Center for the Humanities

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information or contact [Ryan.D.Myers@Outlook.com](mailto:Ryan.D.Myers@Outlook.com)

**Pride in Perry**

A celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in the South Perry District. The evening includes an Odyssey Open House, food specials, local interactive art, games, music, and fun! Each participating business, organization, and restaurant will be decorated for the occasion with many bringing in food specials and hosting fundraisers to support local LGBTQ+ youth. The entire evening is family friendly,

**Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

Time: 4:00 pm to close

Location: South Perry District

Cost: Fundraiser

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.odysseyyouth.org/pride-in-perry>.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Pride Worship Service**

Will gather together to celebrate unity in diversity of faith traditions with music, art, prayers and meditations. This is a family-friendly interactive event. Food and beverages with a no-host bar party following service.

**Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 am

Location: McGinnity Room, 116 W Pacific Ave #100

Cost: No-host bar

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/844210175920191/>.

**A Harrowing Story of Survival - Holocaust Survivor Speech**

Irving Roth was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia on September 2, 1929. He survived the horrors of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps. He emigrated to the US in 1947. The memories of the Nazi death camps never faded and he devotes his time and efforts to educating young and old on the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils of prejudice and anti-Semitism.

**Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost:

For more information, email [info@inbasspokane.org](mailto:info@inbasspokane.org) or call 509.747.4930 ext. 2001.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group**

**Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>

**PFLAG is sweet on Pride**

This year's PFLAG fund raiser event is a dessert reception/buffet of cookies, brownies, cupcakes and other wonderful desserts and beverages (coffee, tea, soda, water) to enjoy while you socialize with other great folks from the community.

**Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 am

Location: Corbin Senior Activity Center

Cost: \$8.00

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1892820354156775/>.

They will also have a raffle for PREMIUM desserts donated by local bakeries. Raffle tickets will be \$1 a ticket. The raffle will be drawn at 8:30 pm, you must be present to win.

**Queer Space – First Friday**

Art made by queer artists from all ends of the gender and sexuality spectrum will be hung throughout the Downtown Spokane Public Library.

**Date: Friday-Saturday, June 7 – 29th, 2019**

Time: Library Hours

Cost: Free

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, 906 W Main Ave

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/2367219869963362/>.

**Masquerade and Drag Ball: Across the Yellow Brick Road – A Tribute to Oz**

Annual fundraiser and entertainment by Nova Kaine & Le Gurlz! Followed by live DJ, Dancing, Food, Costume Contest, and Professional Photographer. Become immersed into the Land of OZ as we pay tribute to Judy Garland and the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall.

**Date: Friday, June 7, 2019**

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Community College, Iair Auditorium, 1810 N Greene Street

Cost: \$5.00 for students with valid student ID, \$7.00 for non-students

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/721854411542669/>.

**Pin Pride Pageant**

2nd Annual Pin Pride Pageant for all ages.

**Date: Friday, June 7, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm doors open, 8:00 pm pageant

Location: The Pin, 412 W Sprague

Cost: \$10.00 general admission

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/2219498441470781/>.

To sign up to participate, please contact [thepinentertainment@gmail.com](mailto:thepinentertainment@gmail.com) – must sign up in advance, limited spots available.

**Spokane Lifestyle Show**

**Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: CenterPlace Regional Event Center

Cost: Free access event. But if you want early access to the show VIP tickets are \$15.00

For more information visit <http://spokanelifestyleshow.com/>

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Parade - Theme: *To Thrive, Not Just Survive***

**Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019**

Location: Downtown Spokane

Time: noon

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://outspokane.org/>.

**Rainbow Festival – Theme: *To Thrive, Not Just Survive***

Sponsored by OutSpokane.

**Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019**

Time: noon to 6:00 pm for festival booths, noon – 10:00 pm for Pride Bar Sponsored by Nyne Bar & Bistro, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm all ages dance party hosted by DJ Jewels, and 10:00 pm Pride Fireworks Show.

Location: Riverfront Park, Lilac Meadows

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website <https://outspokane.org/>.

**East African Night**

A celebration of Somali and Ethiopian cuisines. The menu includes Doro Wat, Fufu, Sambosa, Somali Salad, Somali Rice, Injera Bread and Lamanian.

**Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Cost: \$25.00, kids 5-12 \$5.00.

For more information visit [www.inlandcurry.com](http://www.inlandcurry.com), to reserve tickets email [inlandcurry@gmail.com](mailto:inlandcurry@gmail.com).

**Filipino American Cultural Festival**

This is your great chance to see, hear, experience, enjoy and savor Filipino American history, culture, heritage, music, dance, play, entertainment, as well as view the Jeepney. Folk dances, a Mini Fashion Show, Visual Display of Philippine History and Filipino food favorites (free food) such as Lumpia, Pancit, Chicken and Pork Adobo and Casava will be served.

**Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, program at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Location: Spokane Southside Center

Cost: Free and open to the public, family friendly

For more information The City of Spokane is sponsoring the "Filipino American Cultural Festival" of the Filipino American Association of the Inland Empire.

**Understanding Guatemala: An Indigenous Perspective**

Ingrid Sub Cuc is Indigenous Maya from Guatemala, who moved to the United States at the age of 12. She is fluent in English and Spanish, and proficient in Kaqchikel (her native language), and is a passionate advocate for issues affecting Indigenous Peoples around the world. Despite Guatemala's wealth in beauty and natural resources, the Indigenous population is disproportionately affected by poverty, malnutrition, racism, and immigration. This presentation focuses on the history of Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala as well as the historic events that have led many of these communities to seek asylum and leave their country behind.

**Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>.

**Unity in the Community Planning Committee Meeting**

**Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Emmanuel Family Life Center, 631 S Richard Allen Ct

Cost: Free and open to all who have an interest in making this event happen on August 17, 2019

For more information visit their website at [www.nwunity.org](http://www.nwunity.org).

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Fair**

Representatives from 20+ nonprofit organizations will be available to provide information about a variety of volunteering opportunities ideal for older adults (55+) – like reading to children, feeding hungry families, and offering companionship to seniors.

**Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Southside Community Center, 3151 E 27<sup>th</sup> Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://rsvpspokane.org>

**Hispanic Business Professional Association Monthly Meeting**

Sabes Qué? Rev. Walter Kendricks of the Carl Maxey Center and Dr. Shari Clarke, EWU VP for Diversity & Inclusion

**Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: networking, meeting & speaker presentation

Location: Fiesta Mexicana

Cost: Optional dinner about \$10.00-\$15.00

For more information visit their website at [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net) or email [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com).

**The Moving Wall – Vietnam Veterans**

“The Moving Wall” is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for thirty plus years.

**Dates: Thursday-Monday, June 13-17, 2019**

Time: noon June 13 to noon June 17

Location: Medical Lake Middle School Soccer Field, 200 Block South Prentis St., Medical Lake

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit [www.medicallake.org/vmwall](http://www.medicallake.org/vmwall).

**Diverse Voices Writing Group**

**Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteeth Celebration – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pillar Awards Show**

Celebrate the “Pillars” who have provided uplift to the African American Community.

**Date: Friday, June 14, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: SCC Lair Auditorium

For more information visit <http://www.inwjc.org/>.

**World Refugee Day – Honoring Refugee Women**

There will be a naturalization ceremony, awards ceremony, international potluck, fashion show, children’s activities, cultural marketplace and community resource fair.

**Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: 800 E Joseph & Nevada

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.209.2384 or email [rcs@refugeeconnectionsspokane.org](mailto:rcs@refugeeconnectionsspokane.org).

**KPBX Kid’s Concert – Kevin Pace and the Early Edition**

Join Spokane Public Radio for an afternoon of bluegrass and gospel music by *Kevin Pace & the Early Edition*.

**Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, Main street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor stage

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/topic/spr-events>.



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteeth Celebration – BBQ at the Park**

Will be a family reunion type of affair with music, food, and activities for kids and adults.

**Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Liberty Park, 1623 E 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

For more information visit <http://www.inwjc.org/>.

**Drag Queen Story Hour**

Join the Library for a special sparkly edition of storytime! They will share stories of identity and inclusion and celebrate creativity with a craft

**Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry Street

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>.

**Real Border Issues**

Retired border patrol chief Ray Ortega addresses the real border issues absent the politics.

**Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteeth Celebration – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Brunch**

Celebrates the importance of fathers/fatherhood including men who serve as mentors to other in our community.

**Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019**

Time: 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: MLK Outreach Community Center, 500 S Stone St

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.inwjc.org/>.

**NAACP General Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, June 17, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Community Building, 35 W Main Ave or community venue, check their Facebook page

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact [spokanenaacp@gmail.com](mailto:spokanenaacp@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/>.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA-TRI-KAN - Ride for Refugee Resiliency**

Route starts at the World Relief's office in Kent, WA, passes through Tri-Cities and finishes in Spokane (about 400 miles).

**Dates: Wednesday-Sunday, June 19-23, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$400.00, must register. Registration payment covers all expenses of the ride including meals and snacks, lodging, support vehicles, roadside bike maintenance/repair, transportation back to Seattle.

For more information, visit their website at <https://worldreliefseattle.org/stk>. Fundraiser for World Relief.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>**Rally the Valley**

Food trucks, vendor booths, hand crafted items, original artwork, kinds activities and more.

**Date: Saturday/Sunday, June 22-23, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm on Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Sunday

Location: Across from Spokane Valley City hall

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information email [charity@thefamilyguide.org](mailto:charity@thefamilyguide.org) or call 509.928.9664.**Drag Queen Story Hour**

Join the Library for a special sparkly edition of storytime! They will share stories of identity and inclusion and celebrate creativity with a craft

**Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, Second Floor Lens, 906 W Maine Ave.

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>.**International Cultural Exchange**

Visit various cultural organizations (Spokane &amp; Coeur d'Alene) during the day, attend various cultural entertainment in the evening.

**Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019**

Time: noon – 4:00 pm, entertainment 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Chinook Meadow (day) and Event Center for evening performances

Cost: Free and open to the public for day events, \$25.00 for evening entertainment

For more information visit <https://www.cdacasino.com/event/international-cultural-exchange/>**Daughters of Norway**

A club to unite women who wish to preserve their Nordic heritage by exploring its rich history, culture, folk arts and native languages. Meetings involve sharing Nordic tales, cooking, arts and tips on retracing family roots.

**Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019 (fourth Saturday of each month)**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: TBD

For more information call 509.926.8090 or visit [www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org](http://www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org) or contact (509) 926-8090 for location and time of monthly meetings.**Hoopfest 2019**

Largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament on the streets of downtown Spokane

**Dates: Saturday & Sunday, June 29 and 30, 2019**

Location: Downtown Spokane streets

Cost: Free to observe, registration closed.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanehoopfest.net/>.

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## **Save the Date**

### **An Evening in Tuscany - Italian Dinner and Silent Auction**

Fundraiser benefit for the YWCA's Alternatives to Domestic Violence Safe Shelters. Enjoy an Italian dinner, in addition to a night of wine, art, entertainment, desserts, live music, and dancing that will make you feel like you were in Tuscany!

**Date: Friday, July 13, 2018**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Barrister Winery, 1213 Union Pacific Railroad

Cost: \$85.00 per person, seating is limited, reservations are required, must be 21+ to attend

For more information call Katie Sowers at 509.789.9312. To order/purchase tickets visit the Eventbrite website at: <http://ywcas.convio.net/site/Calendar?id=100181&view=Detail>.

### **Unity in the Community – Celebrating 25 Years**

**Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

For more information visit [www.nwunity.org](http://www.nwunity.org). School supplies for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are given out on a first-come, first serve basis. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and child must participate in the Culture Villages experience by visiting all of the booths.

### **Julyamsh Pow Wow**

Largest outdoor pow wow in the Pacific NW, silent Art Auction with horse parade prior to Grand entry.

**Date: Friday - Sunday, July 26-28, 2019**

Time: Friday evening, Saturday during the day and evening. Grand entry: 7 p.m. on Friday, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday and 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Location: Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Cost: \$10.00, 12 & under and 65+ free

For more information [www.julyamsh.com](http://www.julyamsh.com) or call 1.800.523.2462.

If you know of diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at [yvonnecmz04@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecmz04@gmail.com) with event details.

For general Spokane events visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

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## **June 2019 National/International Diversity/Cultural Celebrations**

### **June 1**

#### **Gawai Dayak – Malaysia**

This is a festival marking the traditional rice harvest. Rituals performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

#### **Children's Day – Laos**

Guided by the belief that the children of today are the future of tomorrow, the celebration of Children's Day is celebrated every first of June every year.

#### **Global Day of Parents – UN**

This day was proclaimed by the UN in 2012 to honor parents throughout the world.

#### **Independence Day – Samoa**

<b>June 1</b>	<b>Labor Day - Bahamas</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Yom Yerushalayim - Israel</b> This day marks the anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.  <b>Republic Day – Italy</b> Known as the Festival of The Republic, it is celebrated on the day that Italians voted to abolish the monarch in 1946.
<b>June 3</b>	<b>June Bank Holiday - Ireland</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression – UN</b> Acknowledges the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Eid-ul-Fitr – Islam</b> The end of the Ramadan fast is celebrated for 3 days. Observance may vary according to sighting of the new moon. Dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or North America calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North America date.  <b>Nur (5th Month) – Baha’i</b> The first day of the fifth Baha’i month. The English translation of Nur (Arabic) is Light.  <b>Constitution Day- Denmark</b> Honors as both the first constitution of 1849 which established Denmark as a constitutional monarchy” and the current constitution of 1953, which were signed on this date of their respective years.  <b>World Environment Day – UN</b> Message to reject single-use plastic, Refuse what you can't re-use.
<b>June 6</b>	<b>National Day – Sweden</b>  <b>Ascension – Christian, Coptic &amp; Eastern Orthodox</b> This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven.
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Dragon Boat Festival – China, Hong Kong</b> This day honors the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villagers raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.
<b>June 8</b>	<b>World Oceans Day - UN</b> Reminds every one of the major role the oceans have in everyday life.  <b>Red Earth Native American Fair – Aboriginal/Native American</b> Cultural festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3 days. Over 150 Native tribes from U.S. and Canada gather to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through highest quality original art, drum and dance juried competitions.

**June 9**

**Portugal Day – Portugal**

Observes the anniversary of the death in 1580 of national poet, Luiz Vaz de Camões, with parades, writing contests and dances.

**Shavuot – Jewish (June 9-10)**

Begins previous sundown at 6:00 pm. Called the Fest of Weeks or Pentecost which means 50 and therefore celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day at the end of Passover. Shavuot celebrates the time when the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. This feast lasts two days.

**Pentecost - Christian**

The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus' death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is called White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.

**June 12**

**Russia Day – Russia**

Russian parliament formally declared Russian sovereignty from the USSR which declared complete state independence.

**Independence Day – Philippines**

The Philippine Declaration of Independence was proclaimed this date in present day Kawit, Cavite.

**World Day Against Child Labor - UN**

**June 14**

**Flag Day – USA**

A day chosen by the Continental Congress in 1777 to honor the flag as a symbol of patriotism. Its 13 red and white stripes represent the original colonies, while the 50 stars stand for the separate but united states of the Union. Flags are flown over all schools, statehouses, courtrooms and churches.

**June 15**

**Trooping the Colour – UK**

The official birthday of the Queen is marked each year by a colorful and historic military parade and march-past, known as Trooping the Colour.

**June 16**

**Father's Day – USA, Canada, UK**

This day we honor all fathers in the world. Louise Dodd of Spokane, WA, began the tradition in 1910. Her own father was a veteran who raised his six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father's Day as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June.

**Matariki – Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand**

When the star cluster Matariki (Pleiades) appears in the dawn sky, Maori New Year starts. Festivities begin with the new moon after the first appearance of Matariki and last for a month. It is time for connecting with, and giving thanks to the land, sea, and sky for the community to come together to farewell the dead and to begin planning ahead for the coming year.

**Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh**

Commemorates the death of the fifth guru of the Sikhs and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughal emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all four directions to emphasize the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.

**Pentecost – Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**

The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus' death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is called White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.

<b>June 17</b>	<p><b>Independence Day – Iceland</b> Icelandic National Day celebrating Iceland’s independence from Denmark on June 17, 1944.</p>
	<p><b>World Day to Combat Desertification &amp; Drought – UN</b> To promote public awareness of land degradation and to draw attention to the implementation of the UNCCD in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.</p>
	<p><b>June 19 Juneteenth – African-American</b> June 19, 1865, also known as National Freedom Day, is considered the official end of slavery in the United States. Slaves in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas were not told about their freedom until this day, even though the Emancipation Proclamation took place in April of 1863.</p>
	<p><b>Labor Day – Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b></p>
<b>June 20</b>	<p><b>World Refugee Day- UN</b></p>
<b>June 21</b>	<p><b>Summer Solstice</b> In the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the longest day of the year in terms of daylight, the June solstice is also called the summer solstice.</p>
	<p><b>Litha - Wicca</b> Falls on the summer solstice. The Latin word solstice means the sun stood still. Wiccans celebrate the Sun at the height of its power for providing good harvests.</p>
	<p><b>National Indigenous Peoples Day – Aboriginal/Native Canadian</b> In 1996, a former Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21 to be known as National Aboriginal Day. This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, collectively known as Aboriginal peoples, are being recognized.</p>
	<p><b>National Day – Greenland</b> Celebrations consist of speeches, hoisting of the flag, church services and local entertainment.</p>
	<p><b>International Day of Yoga - UN</b></p>
<b>June 23</b>	<p><b>Public Service Day – UN</b> On December 20, 2002, the UN designated this date to celebrate the value and virtue of public service, and the contribution of public service in the development process.</p>
	<p><b>National Day – Luxembourg</b></p>
<b>June 24</b>	<p><b>Rahmat (6<sup>th</sup> Month) – Baha’i</b> The first day of the sixth Baha’i month. The English translation of Rahmat (Arabic) is Mercy. Starts at sunset on the 23rd.</p>
	<p><b>St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec) - Canada</b> The patron saint of French Canadians in Quebec. It is a national holiday with parades, bonfires and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.</p>

- June 24**      **Dia de San Juan – Puerto Rico**  
 This day commemorates the island’s patron saint, St. John the Baptist. People gather at beaches in the afternoon. Then at midnight they jump into the ocean backwards three times to symbolize baptism, immersion and new life. Feasts follow.
- St. Jean Baptiste Day – Quebec, Canada**  
 He is the patron saint of French-Canadians in Quebec, Canada. It is a national holiday and there are parades, bonfires and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.
- Inti Raymi - Peru**  
 Celebrated in Cusco, the second biggest festival in Latin America celebrates the winter solstice Incan Festival where the God of the Sun, Wiracocha, is honored.
- June 26**      **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture – UN**  
 In 1997, the UN General Assembly proclaimed June 26<sup>th</sup> the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture to remind people that human torture is unacceptable and a crime.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - UN**
- Independence Day – Madagascar, Somalia**
- June 27**      **Multiculturalism Day – Canada**  
 The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27<sup>th</sup> as the Canadian Multiculturalism Day on November 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions various communities make to Canadian society and celebrates the country’s richness and diversity.
- June 28**      **Stonewall Rebellion Day - LGBT**  
 This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City’s Greenwich Village in 1969. Events and Pride Parades are held in many cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- June 29**      **St. Peter and Paul Day – Chile**  
 Liturgical feast in honor of Saints Peter and Paul.
- June 30**      **Independence Day – Congo**
- Gahambar Maidyoshem- Zoroastrian**  
 This day celebrates the creation of animals. It is also a time for the equitable sharing of food.

Source: Multicultural Calendar 2019 published by Creative Cultural Communications:  
<http://usa.multiculturalcalendar.com/v/home.html>.

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In honor of LGBT Pride Month, below is a list of definitions from tolerance.com to help you out.

### THE ACRONYM AND BEYOND A Glossary of Terms

From the outside looking in, the ABCs of LGBTQ identities can feel overwhelming, academic and inaccessible. But for students deprived of representation, words matter— and can open a door toward realization. To hear yourself or see yourself described for the first time can be transformational, especially if you’ve been conditioned to see yourself as abnormal. A definition can point to a community. And a community can make a kid feel less alone.

Today's youth, more than ever, have a large vocabulary with which they can articulate their gender expression, gender identities and sexual orientations. That vocabulary can make some feel uncomfortable. These terms often force us to confront our biases or assumptions. They ask us to consider the complexity of gender and attraction. But an understanding of these words opens a door for an educator to become an ally to LGBTQ students—capable of facilitating conversation, and more importantly, capable of listening.

**Affirmed gender** (noun): The gender by which one wishes to be known. This term is often used to replace terms like “new gender” or “chosen gender,” which imply that a person’s gender was chosen rather than simply innate.<sup>1</sup>

**Agender** (adj.): Describes a person who does not identify with any gender identity.

**Ally** (noun): A person who does not identify as LGBTQ, but stands with and advocates for LGBTQ people.

**Androgynous** (adj.), **Androgyne** (noun): Used to describe someone who identifies or presents as neither distinguishably masculine or feminine.<sup>2</sup>

**Aromantic** (adj.): A romantic orientation generally characterized by not feeling romantic attraction or a desire for romance.<sup>3</sup>

**Asexual** (adj.): Used to describe people who do not experience sexual attraction or do not have a desire for sex.<sup>4</sup> Many experience romantic or emotional attractions across the entire spectrum of sexual orientations.<sup>5</sup> Asexuality differs from celibacy, which refers to abstaining from sex. Also ace, or ace community.<sup>6</sup>

**Assigned sex** (noun): The sex that is assigned to an infant at birth based on the child’s visible sex organs, including genitalia and other physical characteristics. Often corresponds with a child’s assigned gender and assumed gender.<sup>7</sup>

**Binary system** (noun): Something that contains two opposing parts; binary systems are often assumed despite the existence of a spectrum of possibilities. Gender (man/ woman) and sex (male/female) are examples of binary systems often perpetuated by our culture.<sup>8</sup>

**Biological sex** (noun): A medical classification that refers to anatomical, physiological, genetic or physical attributes that determine if a person is assigned male, female or intersex identity at birth. Biological sex is often confused or interchanged with the term “gender,” which encompasses personal identity and social factors, and is not necessarily determined by biological sex.<sup>9</sup> *See gender.*

**Bisexual, Bi** (adj.): A person emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to more than one sex, gender or gender identity though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree.<sup>10</sup>

**Cisgender** (adj.): Describes a person whose gender identity (defined below) aligns with the sex assigned to them at birth.

**Cissexism** (noun): A system of discrimination and exclusion that oppresses people whose gender and/or gender expression falls outside of normative social constructs. This system is founded on the belief that there are, and should be, only two genders— usually tied to assigned sex.<sup>11</sup>

**Coming out** (verb): A lifelong process of self-acceptance and revealing one’s queer identity to others. This may involve something as private as telling a single confidant or something as public as posting to social media.

**Demisexual** (adj.): Used to describe someone who feels sexual attraction only to people with whom they have an emotional bond—often considered to be on the asexual spectrum.<sup>12</sup>



**Gay** (adj.): Used to describe people (often, but not exclusively, men) whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attractions are to people of the same sex.<sup>13</sup>

**Gender** (noun): A set of social, physical, psychological and emotional traits, often influenced by societal expectations, that classify an individual as feminine, masculine, androgynous or other. Words and qualities ascribed to these traits vary across cultures.<sup>14</sup>

**Gender dysphoria** (noun): Clinically significant distress caused when a person's assigned birth gender is not the same as the one with which they identify.<sup>15</sup>

**Gender expression** (noun): External appearance of one's gender identity, usually expressed through behavior, clothing, haircut or voice, and which may or may not conform to socially defined behaviors and characteristics typically associated with being masculine or feminine.<sup>16</sup>

**Gender-fluid** (adj.): A person who does not identify with a single fixed gender and whose identification and presentation may shift, whether within or outside of the male/female binary.<sup>17, 18</sup>

**Gender identity** (noun): One's innermost feeling of maleness, femaleness, a blend of both or neither. One's gender identity can be the same or different from their sex assigned at birth.<sup>19</sup>

**Gender neutral** (adj.): Not gendered, usually operating outside the male/female binary. Can refer to language (e.g., pronouns), spaces (e.g., bathrooms) or identities.<sup>20</sup>

**Gender nonconforming** (adj.): A broad term referring to people who do not behave in a way that conforms to the traditional expectations of their gender or whose gender expression does not fit neatly into a category. Also, gender expansive.<sup>21</sup>

**Genderqueer** (adj.): Describes a person who rejects static categories of gender (i.e. the gender binary of male/female) and whose gender expression or identity falls outside of the dominant social norms of their assigned sex.<sup>22</sup> They may identify as having aspects of both male and female identities, or neither.<sup>23</sup>

**Gender roles** (noun): The social behaviors and expression that a culture expects from people based on their assigned sex (e.g., girls wear pink; boys don't cry; women care for home and child; men are more violent), despite a spectrum of various other possibilities.

**Heteronormativity** (noun): Coined by social critic Michael Warner, the term refers to a societal assumption of certain norms: 1) that there are two distinct sexes; 2) that male and female functions and characteristics are distinctly different; and 3) that traits such as attraction and sexual behavior correspond to anatomy. Those who do not fit these norms—be it through same-sex attraction, a non-binary gender identity or nontraditional gender expression—are therefore seen as abnormal, and often marginalized or pressured to conform to norms as a result.<sup>24</sup>

**Heterosexism** (noun): The assumption that sexuality between people of different sexes is normal, standard, superior or universal while other sexual orientations are substandard, inferior, abnormal, marginal or invalid.<sup>25</sup>

**Heterosexual** (adj.): Used to describe people whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction is to people of the opposite sex.<sup>26</sup> Also *straight*.

**Heterosexual/cisgender privilege** (noun): Refers to societal advantages that heterosexual people and cisgender people have solely because of their dominant identities. This can include things as simple as safely holding hands with a romantic partner in public or having safe access to public bathrooms. This can also include systemic privileges such as the right to legally donate blood, to adopt children without facing possible rejection because of your sexual orientation, or to play organized sports with others of the same gender identity.

**Homophobia\*** (noun): A fear or hostility toward lesbian, gay and/or bisexual people, often expressed as discrimination, harassment and violence.<sup>27</sup>

**Intersex** (adj.): An umbrella term describing people born with reproductive or sexual anatomy and/or a chromosome pattern that can't be classified as typically male or female.<sup>28</sup>

**Latinx** (adj.): A gender-expansive term for people of Latin American descent used to be more inclusive of all genders than the binary terms Latino or Latina.<sup>29</sup>

**Lesbian** (adj.): Used to describe a woman whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction is to other women.<sup>30</sup>

**LGBTQ** (noun): An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer." Less often, the Q stands for "questioning." Acronyms like LGBTQIA also include the intersex, allied and asexual communities, while acronyms like LGBTQ attempt to envelop an entire community of people who hold identities that are not cisgender or heterosexual.

**Misgender** (verb): To refer to someone in a way that does not correctly reflect the gender with which they identify, such as refusing to use a person's preferred pronouns or name.<sup>31</sup>

**Nonbinary** (adj.): An umbrella term that refers to individuals who identify as neither man or woman, or as a combination of man or woman. Instead, nonbinary people exhibit a boundless range of identities that can exist beyond a spectrum between male and female.

**Outing** (verb): The inappropriate act of publicly declaring (sometimes based on rumor and/or speculation) or revealing another person's sexual orientation or gender identity without that person's consent.<sup>32</sup>

**Pansexual** (adj.): Used to describe people who have the potential for emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to people of any gender identity, though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree.<sup>33</sup> The term panromantic may refer to a person who feels these emotional and romantic attractions, but identifies as asexual.

**Preferred pronouns** (adj.): The pronoun or set of pronouns that an individual personally uses and would like others to use when talking to or about that individual. Can include variations of he/him/his, she/ her/hers, they/their/theirs, among others.<sup>34</sup> This term is being used less and less in LGBTQ circles, as it suggests one's gender identity is a "preference" rather than innate. Recommended replacement: *"Your pronouns, my pronouns, their pronouns, etc."*

**Queer** (adj.): Once a pejorative term, a term reclaimed and used by some within academic circles and the LGBTQ community to describe sexual orientations and gender identities that are not exclusively heterosexual or cisgender.

**Questioning** (adj.): A term used to describe people who are in the process of exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.<sup>35</sup>

**Same-gender loving** (adj.): A term coined in the early 1990s by activist Cleo Manago, this term was and is used by some members of the black community who feel that terms like gay, lesbian and bisexual (and sometimes the communities therein) are Eurocentric and fail to affirm black culture, history and identity.

**Sexual orientation** (noun): An inherent or immutable emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people; oftentimes used to signify the gender identity (or identities) to which a person is most attracted.<sup>36</sup>

**Third gender** (noun): A gender identity that is neither male nor female, existing outside the idea that gender represents a linear spectrum between the two. Sometimes a catchall term or category in societies, states or countries that legally recognize genders other than male and female.

**Transgender** (adj.): An umbrella term for people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.<sup>37</sup> Not all trans people undergo transition. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation. Therefore, transgender people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or something else. *Also, trans.*

**Transitioning** (verb): A process during which some people strive to more closely align their gender identity with their gender expression. This includes socially transitioning, during which a person may change their pronouns, the name they ask to be called or the way they dress to be socially recognized as another gender. This includes legal transitioning, which may involve official name change and modified IDs and birth certificates. And this includes physically transitioning, during which a person may undergo medical interventions to more closely align their body to their gender identity. Transgender and nonbinary people transition in various ways to various degrees; self-identification alone is enough to validate gender identity.

**Transphobia\*** (noun): The fear and hatred of, or discomfort with, transgender people. This may manifest into transphobic actions, such as violence, harassment, misrepresentation or exclusion.<sup>38</sup>

**Transsexual** (adj.): A less frequently used term (considered by some to be outdated or offensive) which refers to people who use medical interventions such as hormone therapy, gender-affirming surgery (GAS) or sex reassignment surgery (SRS) as part of the process of expressing their gender.<sup>39</sup> Some people who identify as transsexual do not identify as transgender and vice versa. *Only use this term if someone who specifically identifies as such asks you to.*

**Two Spirit** (adj.): An umbrella term in Native culture to describe people who have both a male and female spirit within them. This encompasses many tribe-specific names, roles and traditions, such as the winkte of the Lakota and nadleeh of the Navajo people.<sup>40</sup> This term often describes Native people who performed roles and gender expression associated with both men and women. This term should be used only in the context of Native culture.

**Words to avoid** Homosexual (n.); homosexual (adj.) Sexual preference Tranny/transvestite

**Preferred terms** Gay man/person (n.); gay (adj.) Sexual orientation Transgender person or trans person (if they so identify)

\*University of California-Davis's LGBTQIA Resource Center offers this note on words like this: We've been intentionally moving away from using words like "transphobic," "homophobic," and "biphobic" because (1) they inaccurately describe systems of oppression as irrational fears and (2) for some people, phobias are a very distressing part of their lived experience and co-opting this language is disrespectful to their experiences and perpetuates ableism.

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