

FPES

The Swedish Association for
TRANSGENDER PERSONS





The Association FPES

FPES is short for Full Personality Expression Sweden. It stands for the right to express one's entire personality. The organization strives for all who have a gender identity or a gender expression other than the traditional social norms. We have the right to freely express our personality and live our lives as everyone else in society.

The association was founded in 1966 as a social and friends' support group. During the past decade the organization has evolved further. We have regular social meetings around the country. We also have a network for those close to us.

FPES is also a voice in our society. We are influencing the political process to create equal rights for transgender persons. We are working for a change in attitudes towards transgender. We are also focusing on transgender health.



Norms and Transgender

The possibilities to be our true selves can sometimes be limited by the norms of society. A person that does not fit in the gender norm can meet with difficulties. But, it is a human right to be able to live as the person you are.

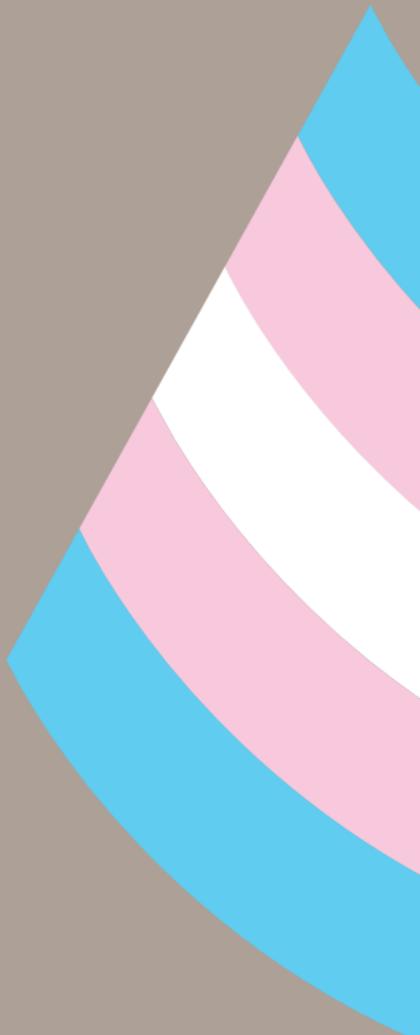
The word transgender is often used as an umbrella term for persons with a gender identity and/or a gender expression that differs from the traditional norms of society. A transgender person may identify themselves as a man, woman, both, neither or in between, irrespective of the sex assigned at birth. Some want to make changes to their body and some do not.

In scientific language transgender are often referred to as gender variant persons.

Gender identity and gender expression is something else than sexual orientation. A transgender person can have any kind of sexual preference, just like everybody else.



The blue and the pink in the trans flag symbolize
the traditional view of what is male and female.
The white stands for all identities that do not
follow the traditional gender norms.



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