



Becoming a Trans Ally to Go Beyond the Binary

Session Description:

People who are transgender (trans), including people who are nonbinary, report higher rates of discrimination at work than gay and lesbian individuals. This learning session applies the unique Straight for Equality approach to invite, educate, and engage allies for people who are trans and/or nonbinary. Participants will learn about key terminology related to gender identity and expression, expansive pronouns and how to use them, and skills they need to be allies to people who are trans.

Content Overview:

Much-needed visibility for transgender and nonbinary people in the US has changed discourse about gender identity and expression. Leveraging PFLAG's 50 years of experience as the nation's original ally organization, this session will:

- Understand how gender identity and gender expression have traditionally been understood in the US and the ways that understanding is changing
- Discuss the importance of pronouns, how to use inclusive pronouns properly, and what to do when mistakes are made
- Clarify the role that allies can play – and provide concrete suggestions for things to do – to ensure that people who are trans and nonbinary are supported and included at work; and
- Find out where to get additional resources for continued learning.

Session Length:	90 minutes (in-person or hybrid), 60 minutes (online only)
Target Audience:	General audience, departments with employee who is transitioning
Participant Materials:	<i>the guide to being a trans ally</i> , online resource page
Additional Information:	<p>"Want to Be an Ally" is a strongly suggested prerequisite for this session.</p> <p>Customized learning options for HR professionals, recruiters, C-suite, etc. are available.</p> <p>An advanced version of this session, that includes opportunities for participants to navigate real-world scenarios as allies, is available.</p>

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