Gendered Intelligence Speakers

Addison Barnett

Addison Barnett has 9 years' experience in Further Education, adult learning, professional training and the homelessness sector. He is a confident and effective speaker and trainer with experience in quality processes and service management. Addison is currently completing his Master’s degree in Medieval Literature with particular focus on transgender identity in this period. As a non-binary transman Addison is interested in non-binary gender identities and performances of masculinity.

Cheryl Morgan

Cheryl Morgan is an internationally recognised science fiction critic, editor and publisher. She was the first openly trans person to win a Hugo Award, and has been a Guest of Honour at conventions in Finland and Croatia. Cheryl co-presents the Women’s Outlook show on Ujima Radio in Bristol and also writes on feminism for the local paper, Bristol 24/7. As Co-Chair of the local LGBT History organization, OutStories Bristol, Cheryl is a regular speaker on trans history. She has given trans awareness training to a variety of groups including students at Bristol University Medical School.

CJ Bruce

CJ grew up in Trinidad and Tobago and moved to London when they were 14. They started attending Gendered Intelligence sessions as a young person and now enjoy fitting volunteering around their day job as a train operator. CJ is particularly interested in sharing their experiences in race, gender, sexuality, and faith, and discussing issues around all of those things together. CJ loves working with young people and has previously had conversations at universities, schools, and with school aged kids about gender and gender stereotypes. CJ has also previously taken part in projects with All About Trans and other groups.
Emlyn Wilson-Black

Emlyn identifies as non-binary, queer and pronouns are they/them. Since graduating from university with an English Language and Literature degree, they have worked in a sixth form college as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. They support students with autism, dyslexia and moderate learning difficulties. They are comfortable delivering presentations to large (and sometimes quite challenging) groups. They run an LGBTQ book club for students as well as a queer support group. While at university Emlyn volunteered for LGBT charities and university counselling services and has developed very good communication and listening skills as well as a sound knowledge of LGBT issues. They are currently studying a MA in philosophy. They are an avid reader of fiction and keep up to date on queer and trans issues. In their spare time they are a cycling and rock-climbing enthusiast, keep a regular blog and love going to gigs, concerts and theatres whenever possible.

Emma Flowers

Emma has had a senior level career in financial services and marketing and, as someone who transitioned later in life, after having a family, is acutely aware of the often profound effects on relationships, work and family of rebuilding your life. An experienced speaker, she has a keen interest in reinforcing the message that trans function in the real world. She speaks and writes about life, family, relationships, politics, absurdity and sport- usually with humour. She is also a proponent of fairness of opportunity in sport and music for trans people. Emma is a Board Trustee of PACE, an LGBT mental health charity and a published writer of blogs and general interest articles. She also regularly blogs on her own site.

Finn Greig

Finn is a youth worker, mentor for Gendered Intelligence. Finn is a trans man. He began his transition in 2005 at the age of 21. During 2010 – 2011, he ran the Gendered Intelligence youth group twice a month as well as doing some one-to-one work with young trans people. He worked with key workers, parents and family members of young trans people from across England and continues to do so in his role as a mentor. Finn has also worked with Gendered Intelligence as a trans awareness trainer and creative workshop facilitator. Before working for Gendered Intelligence, Finn was the manager of an LGBT youth project in East London where he grew up. Finn has also worked in various areas of the LGBT and youth work communities, volunteering and campaigning for about ten years.

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Dr. Francis Ray White

Dr Francis Ray White is an academic who has been researching, writing about and teaching gender for over a decade. Currently a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Westminster, Francis leads several undergraduate modules on feminist theory, sexuality and LGBTQ studies. Their academic research concerns the varied relationships between non-normative bodies and gender formations. Francis is also an active member of their university’s LGBT staff network and has a longstanding passion for cultural activism, especially if it involves zines or club nights. Francis is transgender and identifies as non-binary.

Jamie Pallas

Jamie worked with Gendered Intelligence in July 2013 on the blog and exhibition for the GI’s Anatomy project. He joined the GI team in June this year to work on Communications and fundraising. In between, he lived in Pakistan for seven months. In the past he has been involved in On Road Media’s All About Trans project that seeks to improve the media representation of trans people. Since 2012 he has collaborated on The Test Shot, an online visual project on transmasculine style. Jamie has an MA in French Literature and Culture from Kings College London.

Jason Barker

Jason coordinates our work in the education sector. Jason was the artist and facilitator on the web comic project Transvengers with the Wellcome Trust in 2014, as well as a co-facilitator on the ‘What makes your gender? – hacking into the Science Museum’ project. He was also the visual documenter on the GI’s Anatomy project. Jason is an award-winning filmmaker, commix artist, occasional stand-up comedian, co-producer of Transfabulous and a programmer of the BFI Flare, the London LGBT Film Festival. He is a freelance animator and his recent clients include Central School of Speech & Drama, The British Film Institute and Galop. Jason likes corduroy, slippers and proper puddings with custard. For more about Jason’s work go to jasonelvis.co.uk.
Jay Woods

Jay is a young disabled athlete with a trans history. He is currently in his final year at university, studying Finance and Accounting. Starting his social transition at the age of 12, he is now 21 and feels fully transitioned. He lives a stealth life both in and outside university and is aiming towards being an athlete within the 2020 Paralympic Games. He was previously a young person within GI and is due to have his work published next year within a book about trans sport. He started a fitness group for trans individuals and is a trained personal trainer and public speaker. He aims to enter the world of the financial services and is keen to educate others on a number of different issues.

Jen Kitney

At 23 years old, Jen has been a young person with GI since 2013, and has recently begun to work behind the scenes at GI, doing presentation work. She is an avid vlogger and podcaster, and brings a youthful energy and enthusiasm to an assembly or other event. Couple this with a strong knowledge of trans and gender theory which can only be learned through experience, and you can guarantee that you will leave a Jen presentation great mood, feeling confident in your improved understanding of trans issues. For more about Jen see jenkitney.com.

Jesse Ashman

Jesse is a 22 year old student from Essex and has recently completed a Master’s degree in Sexual Dissidence. In 2014 he graduated with First Class Honours from a degree in English Literature from Queen Mary University of London. While at university he worked in peer mentoring, democratic education campaigning and was one of the co-founders of our mental health support group. He is a transgender man and became involved with Gendered Intelligence shortly after he transitioned in 2011, aged 18. He currently works as a freelance writer, illustrator and designer for Gendered Intelligence as well as being a speaker for GI.
Kara Stubbs

Kara has been a youth group volunteer with GI since 2014 and worked as a freelance speaker since the beginning of 2015. She has worked within the education and health care sectors to increase access and understanding of trans people through organisations such as the NUS, Kent Students Union and MidKent college. She has a keen interest in community organisation and advocacy. Kara has pursued an LLM in ethics and regulation of medical research.

Krishna Istha

Krishna Istha is a genderqueer, trans masculine Indian actor and theatre maker. Their art work takes the form of comedic political acts and alter egos that focus on themes of queer culture, gender politics and feminism. They have previously used these alter egos to run workshops for young people utilising performance, costumes and drag as a tool to bring to light the fluidity of gender. Krishna’s interests mainly lie in the realm of theatre, film, live art and in working with young people. They also co-run a small queer babysitting service in London for queer families.

Lee Gale

Lee Gale has been working with trans communities for the past 15 years, on a local, national and international level. He co-founded TransBareAll, an organisation that works with individuals to explore topics such as body, relationships and confidence and sexual health and intimacy, as well as a local Yorkshire-wide support group for trans men. He now works with Gendered Intelligence as a trainer, a speaker and a mentor. This grass roots work is his passion and has given him a varied insight into the issues and experiences trans people face. As well as working with individuals, he also delivers training and consultation for organisations including the NHS, local police and universities and has been involved in producing resources such as Living My Life and Top Tips for Working with Trans People.
Morgan Potts

Morgan Potts is a non-binary transmasculine boy. As a queer studies scholar, he is particularly interested in identity politics, and sex and gender education for young people. His current work is as a writer, editor, and researcher. His previous work was in Denver, Colorado, where he was a political activist, campaigning for LGBTQIA civil rights and maintaining access to reproductive healthcare. He has an MSc in International Relations Theory from the London School of Economics, which he focused on (trans)feminist and post-colonial critical theories. Morgan is also a cellist and mixtape enthusiast. He lives in London and travels around the UK frequently.

Nim Ralph

Nim is a community activist and freelance writer, trainer & facilitator and equality and diversity specialist. Nim has held a number of strategic roles in the anti-racist, LGBTQI, women's and disability sectors. They co-founded QTIPOC (queer, trans and intersex people of colour) London and are an inaugural member of the Edge Fund. Previous to this they co-founded and directed So We Stand; an organisation working at the intersection of environmental, social and racial justice. This won Nim an Olive Morris Memorial Award for activism and they were named a Guardian "Youth Climate Leader". Nim grew up and lives in Walthamstow, is passionate about film, plays the drums and has a penchant for cheesy 90s music.

Roberta Francis

Roberta Francis is a queer poet, activist and co-founder of TAGS, London Trans and Gender Non-conforming swimming group. She also works primary school supply teacher. She has volunteered for Gendered Intelligence over the past few years and is a member of the Trans Network London.

She has recently started a community interest company to develop TAGS which now has spaces in Birmingham and London.
Sabah Choudrey

Sabah is trans youth worker for Gendered Intelligence, and leads the 16-25 group and the BAME group in London. Sabah provides a safe and stimulating environment for trans young people and trans young people of colour. Sabah is also a trans activist, speaker and writer. In 2015 Sabah gave a talk at TEDxBrixton about being a trans and queer Muslim. Sabah’s writing has been published on Huffington Post, xo Jane and Black Girl Dangerous, among others. For more about Sabah’s work see sabahchoudrey.com.