

Trips and Residentials

Toilets – if on a residential, try to offer the use of a room with an en-suite bathroom. If you are in your own venue/location and there is no need to gender the toilets (e.g. unless they have urinals) then de-gender them so that anyone can use any toilet that's free. Otherwise simply allow people to choose which toilet they use without a fuss. Cubicles are private after all. Be attentive to the possibility that toilets and changing rooms may be places in which trans people are vulnerable to bullying.

Avoid using venues for residentials or for sporting events which use communal showers/changing rooms. In the information you provide in advance about the venue, give clear information about arrangements for toilets/showers/changing etc and ask parents and carers to share any concerns. Ensure that nobody feels uncomfortable and that dignity and respect are maintained for all.

There are, of course, a wide range of theological, social, medical and individual views and responses to the topic of gender identity. The information given by the Children's and Youth Work team is practical advice only and given within that context.

Below we have listed a few resources and websites from a variety of sources and reflecting a variety of views for those wishing to explore this area further. These should not be taken as reflecting the views of the Children's and Youth Work team or the United Reformed Church as a whole.

