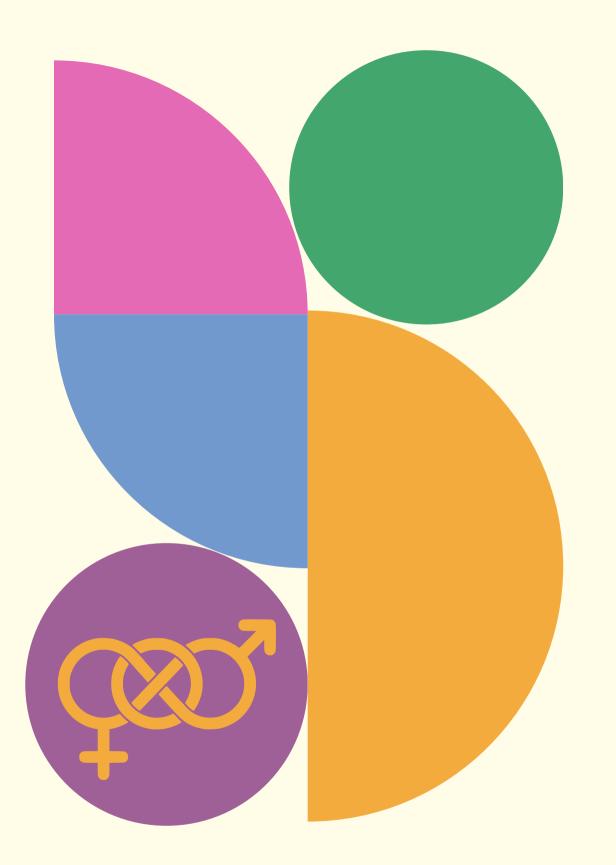


Promoting Awareness on Sex, Gender Identity and Gender Expression in Higher Education – Results of the evaluated Training

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Learning Outcomes of the module

→ Awareness

- Terminology & language
- Stereotypes
- Unconscious bias
- → Discrimination and privileges
- → Strategies for educational context

Awareness

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Heteronormativity

This is

impossible?

The specialist must be the father, then!



Sexism

Not Heteronormativity

then!

The specialist must be the second father,



Not Sexism

Heteronormativity

The specialist must be the mother, then!

Binary Gender Stereotypes

Masculine and feminine roles are not biologically fixed, but socially constructed.



WOMEN

Role Models

Stereotypes

Unconscious Bias

Profession Education



Unconscious Bias

"Cute! She is a real doll-mom! She's so caring!"

"How exactly he's examining the doll – He'll surely become a doctor one day!"



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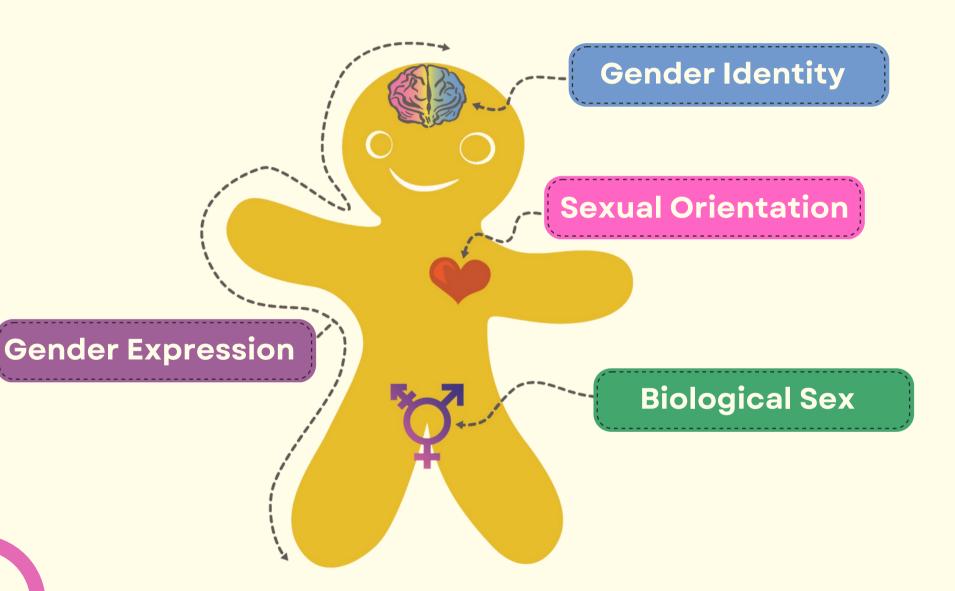
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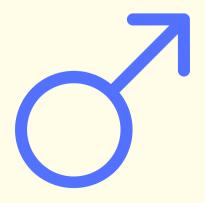
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Binary thinking



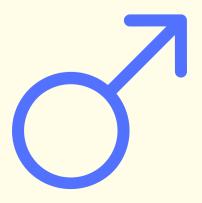




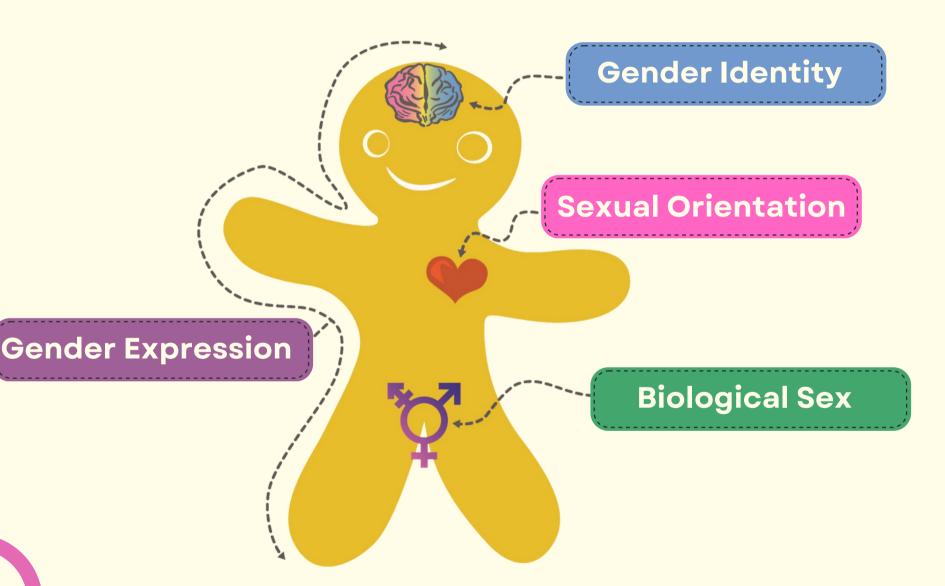


Cisgender (cis)

Identification with gender assigned at birth and sexual characteristics

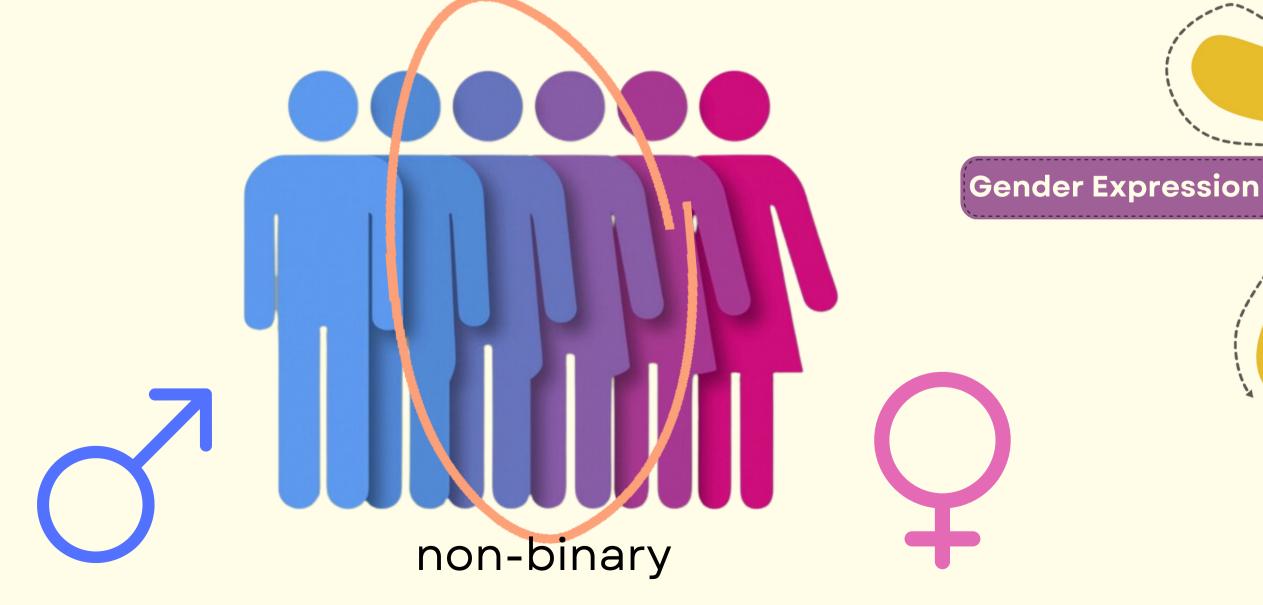


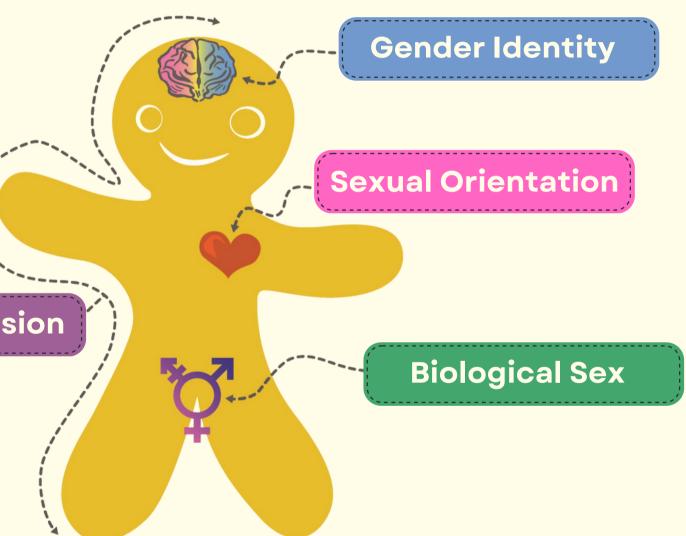




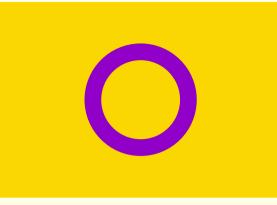
Transgender (trans)

Gender identity does not correspond to sex assigned at birth

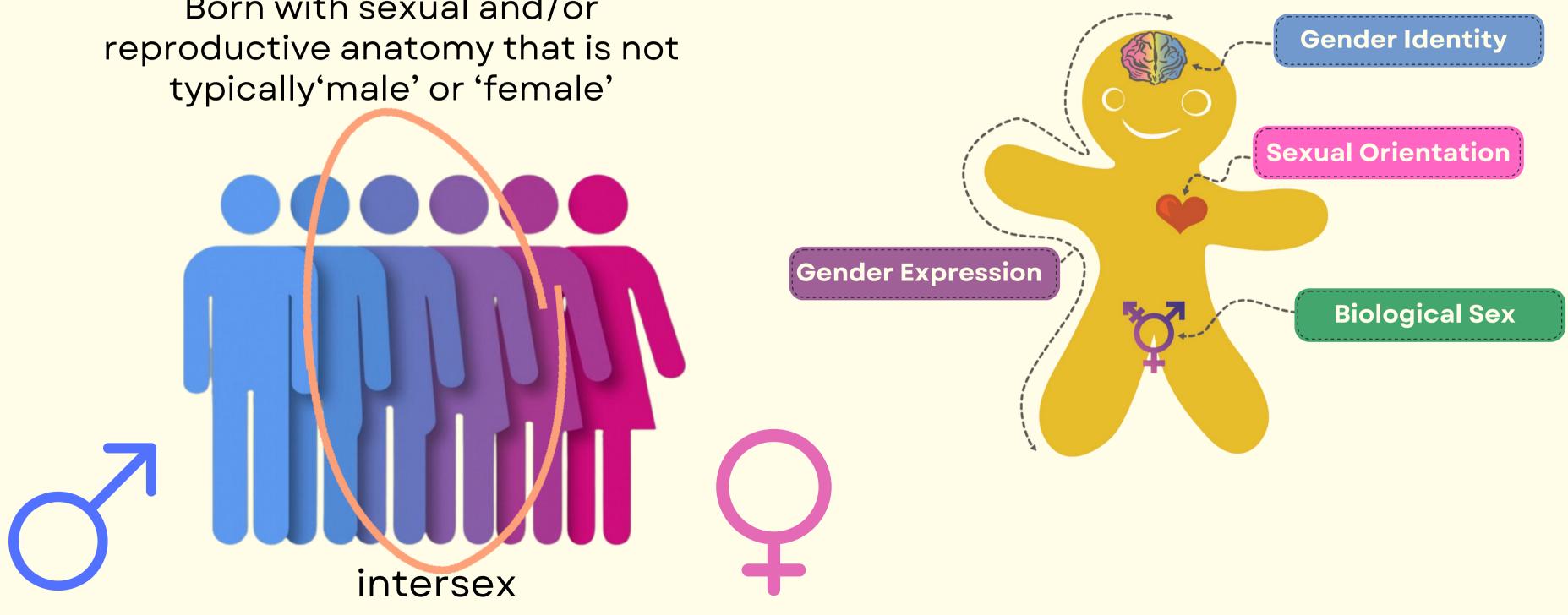




Intersex



Born with sexual and/or typically'male' or 'female'



Discrimination and Privileges

Have you ever been misgendered? Have you ever experienced discrimination because of your sex, gender identity or gender expression?

Have you ever experienced uncertainty when going to the toilet?

HAVEYOU EVER BEEN MISGENDERED?



If you don't have to think about it, it's a privilege.

What can you do differently in your teaching practice?

Introduce your own pronouns and chosen name, and ask your students to do the same

Do not assume students' pronouns nor gender identity Use genderneutral terminology and language where possible When you witness misgendering and genderrelated bullying, interrupt it and report it





HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF YOUR SEX, GENDER IDENTITY AND/OR EXPRESSION?

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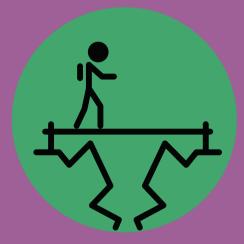
Implement theories, books and stats developed by people belonging to different sexes and gender identities Try to adopt more genderneutral terminology by using e.g. gender neutral pronouns Try to avoid labelling your students on the basis of their gender Talk to and treat all people in the same manner





Don't just correct stereotyped beliefs, but also try to challenge them





HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED UNCERTAINTY WHEN GOING TO THE TOILET?



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What can you do?



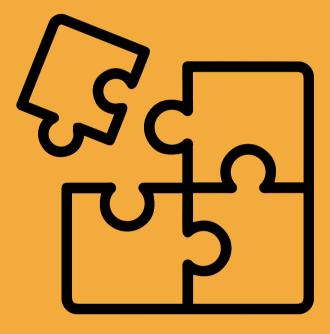


Recognise



Ask carefully

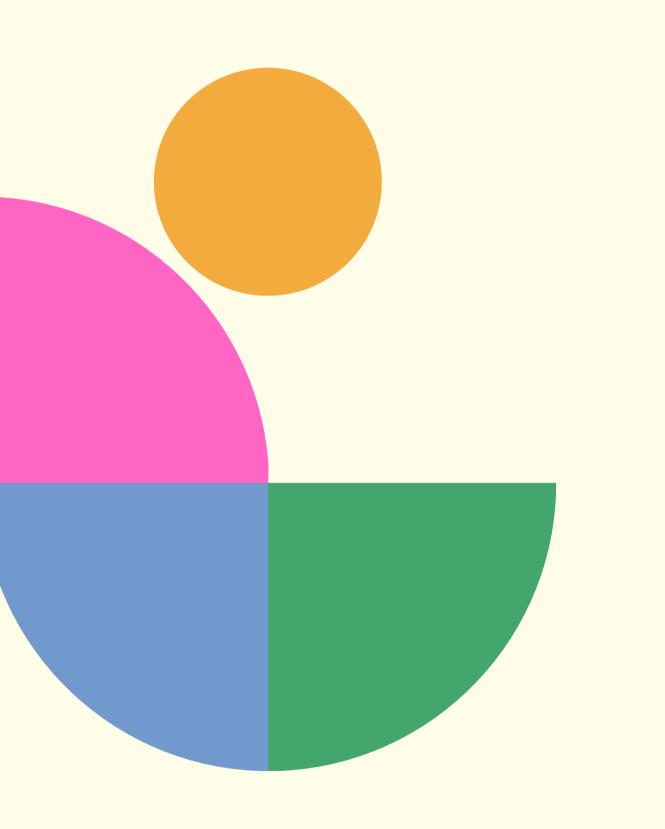


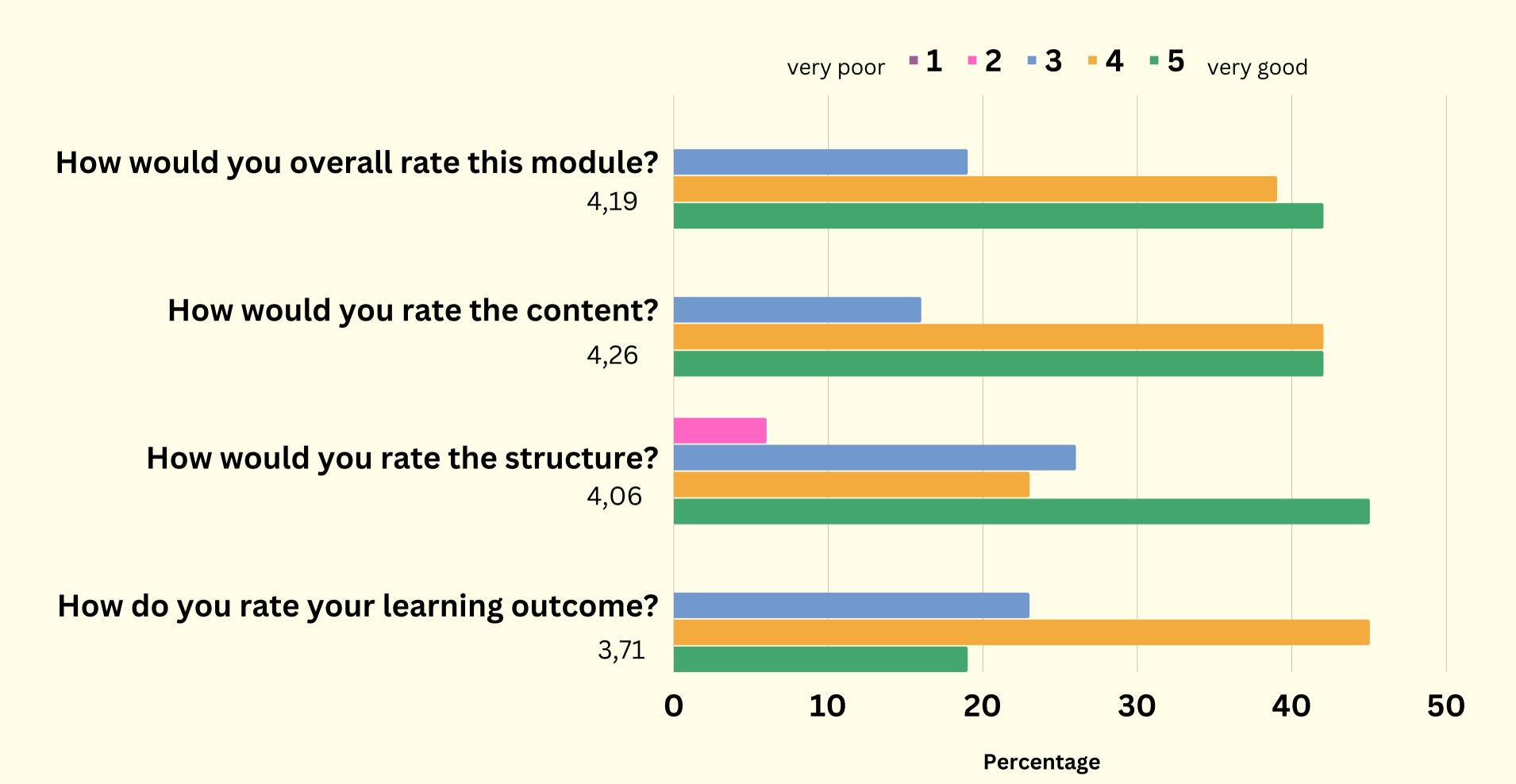






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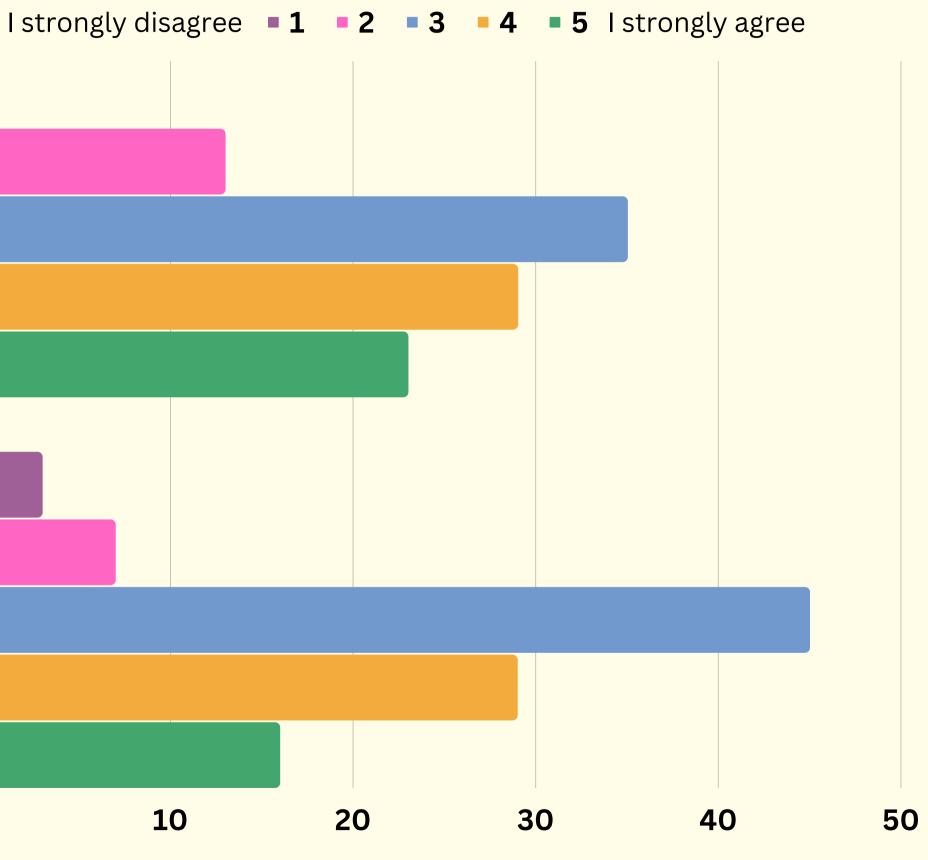




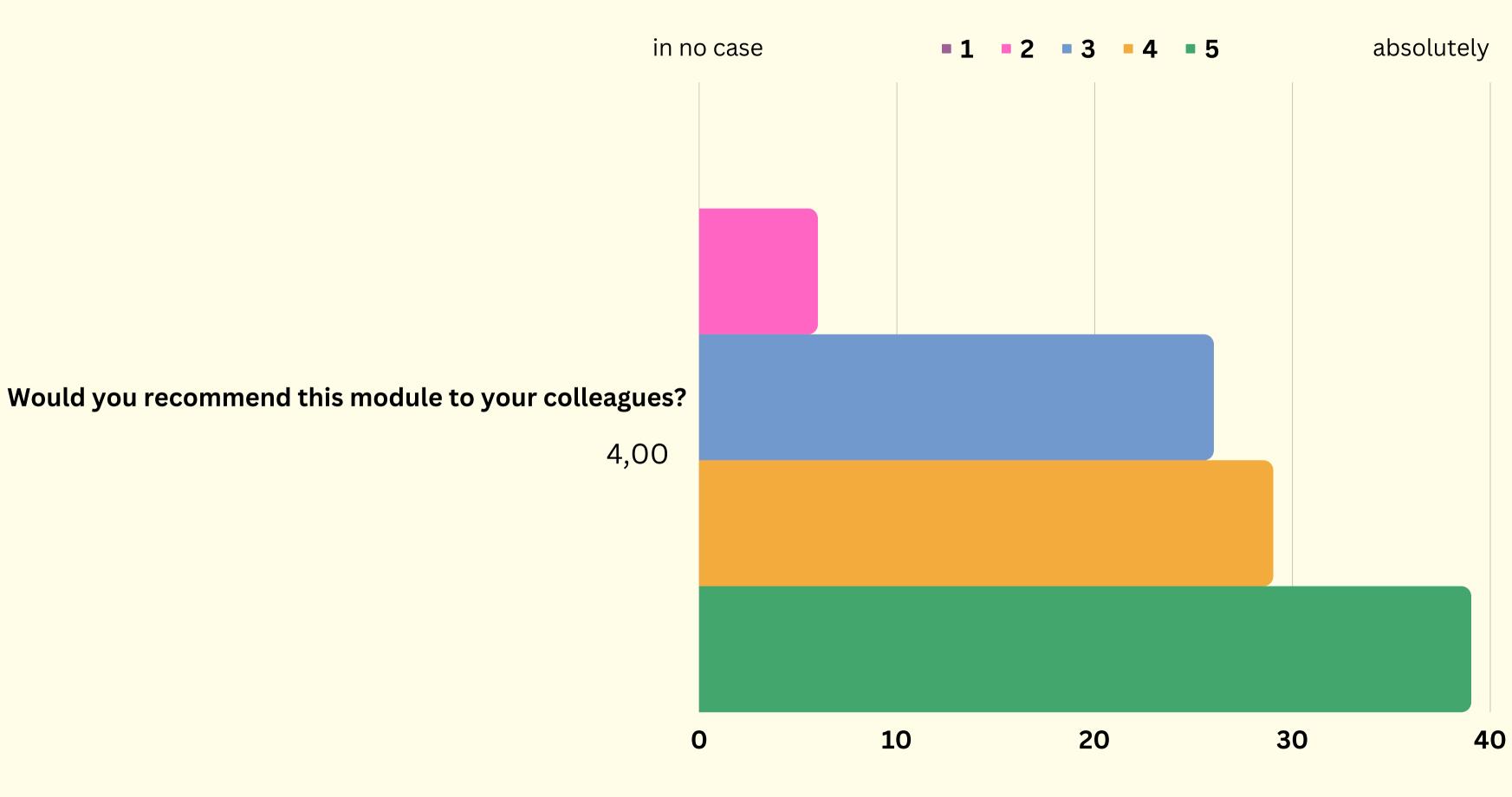
I have increased my knowledge about sex, gender identity and gender expression 3,61

After the training, I feel more confident to reduce barriers and discriminations related to sex, gender identity and gender expression 3,48

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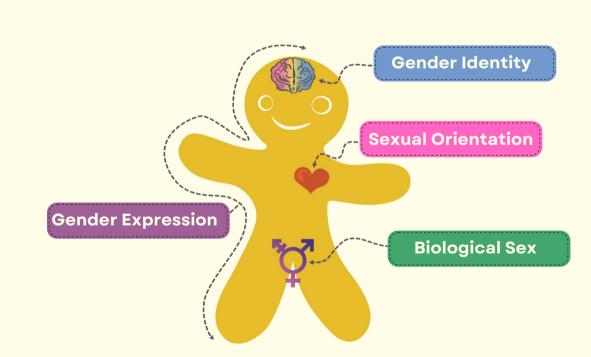
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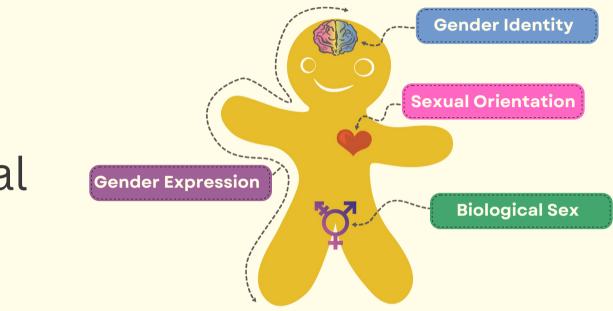
Reasons against recommendation

- missing details on how to adress non-binary people
- technical implementations like additional ressources that are not clickable
- Repetitions (e.g. Genderbread Person like in the module on sexual orientation)



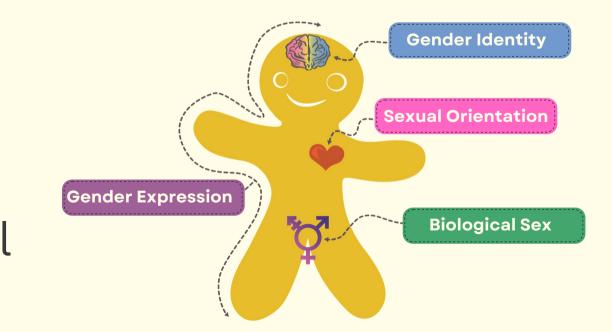
Main Reasons for recommendation

- link to the module on sexual orientation/ complements very well to the module on sexual orientation
- good overview and first introduction
- awareness raising and helpful to reduce barriers and discriminations/encourages questioning normality
- practical for educational contexts
- structure and design
- further materials and ressources



Further comments and suggestions

- more practical examples expected, less theoretical input
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Summary

- overall feedback is very good and helpful
- module is very useful for a first introduction, but for some it is too basic
- little revisions needed
 - additional links and sources should be clickable or downloadable on the website
 - some parts of the voiceover
 - additional sources on how to adress nonbinary people in different languages



Thank you for listening!





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Videos #1

How to talk (and listen) to transgender people

https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_bird_how_to_talk_and_listen_to_transgender_people

The story of a parent's transition and a son's redemption

https://www.ted.com/talks/paula_stone_williams_and_jonathan_williams_the_story_of_a_parent_s_transition_and_a_ son_s_redemption

What my gender transition taught me about womanhood

https://www.ted.com/talks/paula_stone_williams_what_my_gender_transition_taught_me_about_womanhood

The trans story includes you

https://www.ted.com/talks/nicole_maines_the_trans_story_includes_you

How I'm bringing queer pride to my rural village – Brown, African, queer and worthy of space https://www.ted.com/talks/katlego_kolanyane_kesupile_how_i_m_bringing_queer_pride_to_my_rural_village? referrer=playlist-on_coming_out)

I've lived as a man and as a woman – here's what I've learned

https://www.ted.com/talks/paula_stone_williams_i_ve_lived_as_a_man_and_as_a_woman_here_s_what_i_ve_learned

Why I must come out

https://www.ted.com/talks/geena_rocero_why_i_must_come_out?referrer=playlist-on_coming_out

A powerful poem about what it feels like to be transgender

https://www.ted.com/talks/lee_mokobe_a_powerful_poem_about_what_it_feels_like_to_be_transgender? autoplay=true&referrer=playlist-on_coming_out

Videos #2

What I've learned from having balls

https://www.ted.com/talks/emily_quinn_what_i_ve_learned_from_having_balls

What it means to be intersex

https://www.ted.com/talks/susannah_temko_what_it_means_to_be_intersex?language=en

The way we think about biological sex is wrong

https://www.ted.com/talks/emily_quinn_the_way_we_think_about_biological_sex_is_wrong?language=en

The biology of gender, from DNA to the brain

https://www.ted.com/talks/karissa_sanbonmatsu_the_biology_of_gender_from_dna_to_the_brain?language=en

What it takes to be a woman in STEM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waD95VUbWC0

Additional materials, literature and resources

https://blogs.hoou.de/gender/

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/equality/resources/unconscious-bias/

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/help-advice/information-and-resources/faqs-and-glossary/list-lgbtq-terms

https://lgbtq.unc.edu/resources/exploring-identities/intersex/