



**THE
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Conference
Schedule

Thursday 27th April 14.00 - 20.00 GMT

14.00 Welcome /Opening Plenary with Stella O'Malley

Until recently there has been only one narrative on how to manage gender diversity. However, the world is moving beyond a medicalised approach to gender non-conformity and instead seeking out healthy approaches to sex and gender. There are now organisations such as Sex Matters, Transgender Trend, SEGM, GETA, The Countess, Genspect and many others who have all made great headway in providing progressive, evidence-based and up-to-date thinking. This conference challenges the narrow narrative and instead looks at the bigger picture.



14.30 Keynote: Helen Joyce: When Ideology Meets Gender Healthcare

Joyce's 2021 book, *Trans: When Ideology Meets Reality* provides a searing analysis of the transgender debate. Helen Joyce recently left her position as executive editor of *The Economist* to work for Sex Matters, and brings a wealth of knowledge about gender issues on both sides of the Irish Sea.



15.00 Panel Discussion with Maya Forstater and Helen

Joyce: Why Sex Matters?

Maya Forstater is the claimant in a landmark test case, *Forstater v Center for Global Development Europe*, which adjudicated whether the protected characteristic of belief in the Equality Act covers gender critical beliefs. She founded Sex Matters and is a specialist in discrimination and gender issues.



15.30 Q&A with Helen Joyce and Maya Forstater

15.45 15 Minute Coffee Break

16.00 Panel Discussion: What if they're Gay and not Trans?

Benjamin Boyce moderates this panel discussion about the impact of gender ideology upon young people who are same-sex attracted. With Malcolm Clark, Joe Burgo, Alasdair Gunn, Iseult White, Ritchie Herron and others.



17.00 2 Hour Break

19.00 Panel Discussion of Detransitioners: Moving Beyond Transition

Benjamin Boyce moderates this panel discussion with Ritchie, Helena, Michelle, Jet and others about life as a detransitioner, and moving beyond transition.

Friday 28th April 09.00 - 20.00 GMT

09.00 Michael Biggs: Dismantling the "Evidence"

Dr Michael Biggs, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St Cross College, has been a key player in shedding light on the research about puberty blockers since they were first introduced as a medical treatment for gender-distressed children. In this presentation, Dr Biggs will discuss the key issues with the research base that underpins this fundamentally flawed model.



09.45 Ken Zucker: Decades in the Making

Prof. Zucker, an international authority on gender-related distress in children, has worked in this field for over four decades. Prof Zucker will discuss the long-term gender-developmental outcomes of pre-pubertal children as well as the implications of social transition prior to puberty.



10.15 Panel Discussion "Should puberty blockers ever be used for gender dysphoric children?"

A panel discussion between Michael Biggs, Ken Zucker and Malcolm Clark followed by a Q&A session.

11.00 15 Minute Coffee Break

11.15 Stephanie Davies-Arai: The Betrayal of Trust

Stephanie Davies-Arai founded Transgender Trend in 2015 and ever since has been a key figure in uncovering the issues related to paediatric medical transition. In 2022, Queen Elizabeth II awarded Davies-Arai the British Empire Medal for services to children. Professionals rely on a chain of trust: doctors expect the research to be correct; therapists presume that the Standards of Care are trustworthy; teachers believe that recommendations are appropriate. What happens when that trust is betrayed?



12.00 Sue Evans: Holding GIDS at the Tavistock to Account

Sue Evans, psychoanalytical psychotherapist and co-author of *Gender Dysphoria: A Therapeutic Model for Working with Children, Adolescents and Young Adults*, first blew the whistle about issues at the Tavistock in 2005. Although an extensive report was written, nothing changed. Then, some fifteen years later, Sue Evans brought the prominent court case that resulted in *Bell v Tavistock*.

12.45 Q&A with Stephanie Davies-Arai and Sue Evans

13.00 Lunch

14.00 1 Hour of Breakout Workshops. Choose between Breakout A or Breakout B

Breakout A: Detrans Workshop: Ask the Doctors: Dr Lori Regenstreif and Dr Julia Mason

The process of creating a medical training curriculum for the care of detransition and post-transition complications, for primary care/family doctors, is currently underway. This workshop will offer the opportunity for participants to submit questions to a paediatrician and a primary care physician that will be answered within the workshop or followed up by email for those needing more complex answers.

Breakout B: Individual Talks from Alasdair Gunn, Stella O'Malley and Iseult White

14.00 Alasdair Gunn: Normalising Excellence in Healthcare

Alasdair Gunn (aka Angus Fox), vice-director of Genspect, is a leading voice for parents of gender questioning boys. Alasdair has recently seen other parts of the healthcare industry in Ireland as he is dealing with serious illness but remains invested in campaigning for excellence in healthcare.



14.20 Stella O'Malley: Protecting Ethical Therapy from Conversion Therapy Bans

Psychotherapist, author and director of Genspect discusses the roll out of slapdash bans on conversion therapy across the world, and how these bans need to be carefully worded to protect the integrity of conventional psychotherapy.



14.40 Iseult White: The Chilling Effect

Irish psychotherapist Iseult White discusses how the taboo on speaking about various issues related to gender identity has had a chilling effect on psychotherapists across the world.



15.00 Lisa Littman – ROGD: A Retrospective

In 2018, Dr. Lisa Littman – at the time, an adjunct assistant professor at Mount Sinai – coined the term Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria (ROGD) in her seminal 2018 parental report survey. ROGD describes the phenomenon of young people who suddenly announce a transgender identity without prior history of gender dysphoria. In this presentation, Dr Littman will reflect upon ROGD five years after publication, incorporating the knowledge she has gained from her 2021 study of 100 detransitioners.



15.30 Q&A with Lisa Littman, Alasdair Gunn, Stella O'Malley and Iseult White

15.45 15 Minute Coffee Break

16.00 The Pronoun Debate

Maya Forstater, Helen Joyce, Stella O'Malley, Alasdair Gunn and Malcolm Clark debate the importance of pronouns and issues related to pronouns and compelled speech.

17.00 2 Hour Break

19.00 Gender: A Wider Lens with Stella O'Malley and Sasha Ayad

We're delighted to announce that we will be streaming a special episode of the podcast Gender: A Wider Lens in front of a live audience. Lisa Marchiano will join Sasha and Stella for a thoughtful discussion about gender.



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Saturday 29th April 09.99 - 17.00 GMT

09.00 Dr Heather Brunskell-Evans: The Confluence of Philosophy, Feminism and Queer Theory

Brunskell-Evans has been at the forefront of the campaign to protect the rights of gender non-conforming children and young people since 2015. She is a key figure in academia who has analysed and challenged the claims of Queer Theory and the social construction of the “transgender child.”



09.30 Panel Discussion: Stella O'Malley, Joe Burgo and Dr Lori Regenstreif: Why Parents should be Included in Healthcare for Minors

This panel explores how the concerns of parents have been silenced and the impact of the subsequent exclusion of parents from the medical decisions of their children. Genspect is proud to have championed parents' rights in relation to gender healthcare since we launched in 2021.



10.00 Dr Julia Mason: The Broken Chain of Trust

Mason highlights the problems with the current literature on paediatric transition.



10.20 Dr Lori Regenstreif: Gender Healthcare Issues that Primary Care Providers need to know about

Dr Regenstreif, a primary care provider, highlights common gaps in the knowledge that is required to offer excellence in gender healthcare.

10.40 Dr Leonore Tiefer: Sexual Experience Beyond Transition

Based on 40+ years of private practice and professional engagement in sex therapy, Dr Tiefer provides an overview of how we can come to a better understanding of sex after medical transition.

11.00 10 Minute Break

11.10 Laoise Uí Aodha de Brún: Gender, Self ID and the Law

Laoise Aodha de Brún BL is a barrister-at-law and the founder & CEO of The Countess. She is a IBCLC lactation consultant and trained broadcast journalist. Laoise will discuss the GRA and the suite of bills that is “enforcing” gender ideology within the culture and the multiple impacts of these on equality legislation.



11.30 1.5 Hours of Breakout Workshops. Choose between Breakout A or Breakout B

Breakout A: Workshop for Detransitioners with Dr Leonore Tiefer: Sexual Experience Beyond Transition

Based on 40+ years of private practice and professional engagement in sex therapy, Tiefer offers useful strategies and resources for detransitioners and people who have been negatively impacted by medical transition. The focus in this workshop is on issues of expectations, shame, sensuality, arousal, orgasm, and intimacy. Lots of Q&A and candid conversation.



Breakout B: Individual Talks from Colette Colfer and Estelle Birdy followed by a Panel Discussion on Gender Ideology in Irish Education

11.30 Colette Colfer: Gender Ideology as a Religion

Colette Colfer is an academic who lectures in world religions and ethics. In her presentation, Colfer will explore the religious aspects of gender ideology including ritual, faith, remembrance events, cis-heteronormativity as profane, flags as totems, and biology as taboo. She will question the presence of the transcendent in gender ideology and look at the importance of community as congregation.



11.50 Estelle Birdy: Authoritarians, Contrarians, Identitarians, Bodies and the War on Reality

Estelle Birdy is a writer, book critic and a leftist feminist. Throughout human history, authoritarian individuals, groups and political regimes have come and gone. What can past events tell us about how to fight the new authoritarians of right and left?



12.10 Panel discussion: Gender Ideology in Irish Education

Laoise Uí Aodha de Brún, Stella O'Malley, Iseult White, Estelle Birdy, Colette Colfer, Sarah Holmes and others discuss the impact of gender ideology in schools in Ireland.

13.00 Lunch



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14.00 Panel discussion with Q&A: The Lost Boys

Benjamin Boyce, Alasdair Gunn and Joe Burgo discuss the unique issues impacting boys with gender-related distress.

14.45 Miranda Yardley – A Vision for Gender in the 21st Century

Miranda Yardley medically transitioned some years ago and has become known for his astute understanding of transgender issues today. Miranda will provide analysis of what has gone wrong and how to effect positive change.



15.00 Q&A with Joe, Miranda, Benjamin and Alasdair

15.15 15 Minute Break

15.30 Joseph Burgo: Autogynephilia and the Sexualisation of Shame

Clinical psychologist, psychoanalyst and vice-director of Genspect, Joe Burgo has been in practice for almost 40 years. His books until now have mostly focused on shame and narcissism but he has recently become more focused on gender issues.



15.50 Eliza Mondegreen: Preliminary Findings from Online Trans/Detrans Communities

Eliza Mondegreen is a graduate student at McGill University, researching how online trans and detrans communities shape attitudes, beliefs and knowledge about gender, as well as expectations and intentions toward transition and detransition. She will present preliminary findings related to how these communities handle questions, doubts, and uncertainty about trans identity and transition.



16.10 Lisa Marchiano: Detransition and Reflections on the Affirmative Model of Care

Author and Jungian analyst Lisa Marchiano provides a case study from her work with detransitioning clients and discusses some of the problems with the affirmative model of care.



16.40 Q&A with Lisa Marchiano, Joe Burgo and Eliza Mondegreen

17.00 Closing plenary