## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEX AND GENDER

MODULE 2

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   The term gender is also used to describe the differences in behaviour between men and women which are described as "masculine" and "feminine".Jan 12, 2018

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 The World Health Organisation regional office for Europe describes sex as characteristics that are biologically defined, whereas gender is based on socially constructed features. They recognise that there are variations in how people experience gender based upon self-perception and expression, and how they behave. Feb 21, 2019

- First, let's talk about <u>sex</u>. Intercourse aside for these purposes, <u>sex</u> is "a label assigned at birth based on the reproductive organs you're born with." It's generally how we divide society into two groups, male and female—though <u>intersex</u> people are born with both male and female reproductive organs. (Important note: <u>Hermaphrodite</u> is a term that some find offensive.)
- <u>Gender</u>, on the other hand, goes beyond one's reproductive organs and includes a person's perception, understanding, and experience of themselves and roles in society. It's their inner sense about who they're meant to be and how they want to interact with the world.