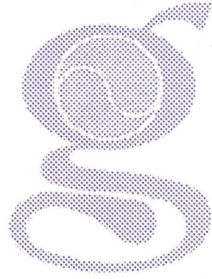


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IFGE was founded in 1987 with the purpose of overcoming the intolerance of transvestitism and transexism brought about by widespread ignorance about people who practice these life-styles. Since then, as our own consciousness evolves, we rededicate ourselves to education towards the emancipation of all persons from restrictive gender norms.

"The crossdressing and transsexual phenomena have been an integral part of human experience as long as there has been a human experience. These phenomena have manifested themselves in every society and in every walk of life throughout history, and continue to affect the lives of vast numbers of people. Yet, as common as they are, ignorance of them, and the resulting intolerance and fear, continues to cost good people their happiness, their jobs, their families, and their lives. It costs society its neighbors, its friends, and its productive citizens"

- Merissa Sherill Lynn, Founder.



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# WHAT IS IFGE?

## OUR CONSTITUENCY

The 'transgender community' crosses social, economic, political, and philosophic lines, and is bound together by a common desire to explore and express individual gender identities. It includes crossdressers, transsexuals, androgynes, and all others who feel uncomfortable with' or transcend 'traditional' gender roles. IFGE is involved with a growing network of over 300 local, regional, and national support organizations from small discussion groups right through professional publishers.

## THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE

IFGE maintains a full time office dedicated to work on behalf of the transgender community. People from around the world - sometimes hundreds a day - call for information; literature; referrals to support groups, medical and psychological professionals; and advice about all things transgender.

## PUBLICATION

We publish *Transgender Tapestry* is one of the most prominent, professional, and well-respected publications of its type. It furnishes a forum for reasoned discussions of gender and related social issues. For many otherwise isolated people, it provides their initial contact with the transgender community.

## BOOKS

Our [Synchronicity Bookstore](#) offers an unparalleled selection of books which explore the subjects of cross-dressing, transsexualism, and transgenderism - including some not directly available elsewhere. The bookstore's catalogue is available online at <[www.ifge.org](http://www.ifge.org)>.

## EDUCATION

IFGE provides representation and education to employers, schools, and professional service providers such as the American Psychiatric Association (APA), Counselors, and Therapists.

## OUTREACH

IFGE's staff is active in society at large. They give presentations to colleges; assist in faculty professional development; provide on-site workshops for corporations; develop educational programming; and organize life-style workshops. To schedule outreach services please call our office during regular business hours.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

There is always room for improvement. IFGE is expanding our national presence. Our purpose: to more effectively involve ourselves with regional and local concerns, provide a more comprehensive referral service, and promote the work of individuals and organisations who contribute to the expansion and expression of freedom of gender identity for all people.

## WEB SITE:

IFGE maintains a presence on the World Wide Web. Features are continuously updated with information of international, national and local news, commentary of IFGE's Executive Director and links to other noteworthy transgender sights. You may also browse [Synchronicity Bookstore](#) book catalog and use our interactive pages to join IFGE and become a subscriber to *Transgender Magazine*.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) is a leading advocate and educational organization for promoting the self-definition and free expression of individual gender identity.

## TO THIS END IFGE VALUES:

- Individual uniqueness and dignity;
- Personal wholeness;
- Respect for human diversity, and
- Respect, acceptance, and protection of gender related Human and Civil Rights for all.

IFGE STRATEGICALLY FOCUSES ITS RESOURCES ON ALL GENDER IDENTITY RELATED ISSUES BY PROVIDING:

- Communication between social, professional, religious, governmental and support organizations;
- Referral to competent medical, psychological, and legal professional services;
- Outreach to all persons and their families who express gender-related concerns;
- Periodicals, monographs and other educational products;
- Information about organizations pursuing similar aims;
- Response to individual organizational and public media inquiries;
- Understanding and acceptance of individuals who seek to define and express their own gender identities.

## NONPROFIT STATUS

We are a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, and depend upon donations for 20% of our operating budget. Of the many people we service, only a tiny fraction provide support for that service by becoming members. If you have an interest in gender issues please join our organization, or give a tax-deductible gift. Make checks payable to IFGE, P.O. Box 229 Waltham, MA 02454-0229 or join on-line at [www.ifge.org](http://www.ifge.org)

## HEADQUARTERS

Located at 14 Felton St. in Waltham, Massachusetts, IFGE serves as a focal point for the local as well as national transgender community. A well stocked reading room, the [Synchronicity Bookstore](#), and our executive offices are open to the public.

## BUSINESS HOURS

10am to 4pm daily (Eastern Time), and by appointment. During office hours, IFGE accepts orders for publications and subscriptions, and provides over-the-phone peer counseling, and referrals. We encourage you to visit our interactive web site at [www.ifge.org](http://www.ifge.org).