

# The Clare Project: Intersex Inclusion Statement



The Clare Project began in 2000 when a group of trans women started meeting in the back room of a hairdressing salon to discuss issues affecting their local community. We are now a registered charity run by and for trans and non-binary people in Brighton, Hove and East Sussex. We have welcomed thousands of people through our doors. We run support groups, information sessions, workshops and socials as well as providing information and training for individuals and organisations on community needs.

Whilst we were originally founded to support trans and non-binary people, **we also offer some support to people with intersex variations / variations in biological sex characteristics.** This is because intersex people have no dedicated support organisation in Brighton and Hove, and the challenges they face overlap with some of the challenges faced by trans and non-binary people. Further, some intersex people will identify as transgender or non-binary as well as intersex.

We acknowledge that we are not an intersex-led organisation. We have had some training in how to support intersex people, but we are not experts. We are trans and non-binary allies who would like to help whilst there is a community need but no intersex-led support. We will continue to use our position to advocate for the development of intersex-specific and led support in our area and beyond.

If you are intersex, and in need of 1:1 or group support, we will do our best to support you. If you are intersex, and interested in starting up an intersex-led support group, please get in touch, as we would also be interested in supporting this project to get off the ground.