

Imaan

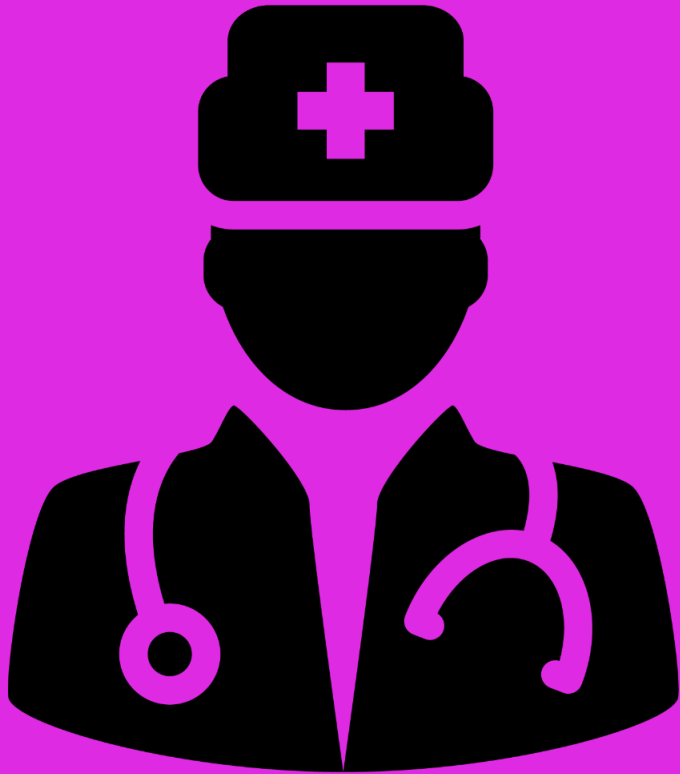
Imaan identifies as a man but was assigned the biological sex of a girl at birth.

Growing up Imaan spent a lot of time on construction sites with his father and was called a “tomboy”.

Imaan has no interest in transitioning surgically but presents and reads as a man to his fellow construction workers.

Imaan advocates strongly for queer muslims and believes anti-LGBT behaviour is a remnant of western colonial culture.

Imaan’s partner of 15 years is a muslim woman.



Andri

Andri is a male nurse who identifies as a man.

Andri is married to petrus.

As a male nurse his masculinity is often questioned and this has made him very uncomfortable. He doesn't understand why you can't be gay and work in a woman dominated industry.

Despite this Andri does a lot to give medical care and access to queer youths.

He believes freedom means equal access to health care that is not discriminatory or limited.



Musa

Musa is a working class South African working in the exploitative commercial sector.

Musa is a gay cis-man who presents in both feminine and masculine ways.

Musa is often called a “sissy” or a “moffie” by people in his community.

Musa has a diverse group of queer friends who create a space in which he can feel comfortable.

To Musa homophobia is a very lived and literal experience as he faces violence in his community and discrimination in the work place.



Jerri

Jerri-ann is a cis-woman, married to a transgender man who she met at the salon she works at.

Jerri-ann is “straight” but is believed to be queer because of her husband’s identity.

Jerri-ann doesn’t think feminism or ‘pride activism’ offers her anything -that’s for “larney” people and that the space is not welcoming to her.

For her it’s just nobody’s business what your sexuality is.



Benji

Benji was assigned as male at birth but secretly identifies as Bernice, a woman. She works as a mechanic and often hears the other petrol attendants talking about women in a way that makes her uncomfortable.

Benji has so far been too afraid to tell anyone about this except a few close friends. She knows of several violent incidents where gay men and trans women were the victims. She is also becoming increasingly involved in union work.

Benji is engaged to a woman.



Remi

Remi is a socialist and activist who works in the NGO sector. Remi is a *cis-heterosexual* male. Meaning he identifies as a man and was biologically assigned male as a gender, and is attracted to women.

Remi's wife takes care of the home and works full time – he is useless in the household

Remi is an activist but sees queer and feminist issues as a distraction from the important revolutionary work that needs to be done. He also claims that talking about these issues is divisive.