

CHILD CARE

INFORMATION ON
TRANSEXUALISM

The Man Who Would Be Queen: The Science of Gender Bending and Transsexualism, J Michael Bailey, National Academies Press, 2003 <http://books.nap.edu/books/0309084180/html/> (The book referred to above which uniquely offends just about all trans people, not to mention parodying gay men)
A review of the Bailey book: www.tsroadmap.com/info/bailey-blanchard-lawrence.html

The charity which supports children with gender identity issues and their families: www.mermaids.freeuk.com and an article by the mother of a transsexual child tells of some of the difficulties: www.mermaids.freeuk.com/dragons.html.

The main UK charity supporting trans people is the Gender Trust: www.gendertrust.org.uk.

The main organisation campaigning for legal rights for trans people in the UK is Press for Change which maintains a vast array of information on trans people and matters relating to law and public perceptions of trans people: www.pfc.org.uk. Life stories of 100 trans people can be seen at: www.pfc.org.uk/campaign/people/members.htm.

The charity which looks at research into the causes of transsexualism, their perception in society and funds research into these areas is the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIREs): www.gires.org.uk, however the web site is presently being reconstructed and may be unavailable for a while.

The major international support forum for trans men: www.ftmi.org.

The UK Parliamentary Forum on Transsexualism can be found at: www.poptel.org.uk/lynne.jones/transsex.htm. While the Lord Chancellor's Department web page on transsexual people's rights may be seen at: www.lcd.gov.uk/constitution/transsex/index.htm.

The UK organisation for support of the families of transsexual people: www.depend.org.uk.

A young UK transsexual woman's account of her transition experiences: www.thegirlinside.me.uk

AND A FEW US INFORMATION
SOURCES...

Lynn Conway's site: <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/conway.html> and especially worth visiting is her site on the lives of trans people: <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TSuccesses/TSuccesses.html>

Andrea James' site: www.tsroadmap.com a massive list of resources on trans people.

Jennifer Diane Reitz's site: <http://transsexual.org/> a very personal account of her own experience of being trans (please be sure to use .org not any other ending or you will find porn sites with little whatever to do with transsexualism!)

And for those not on the internet ...
some books

Mom, I Need To Be A Girl — Just Evelyn, 1998, Walter Trook Publishing (ISBN 0-9663272-09), also on line at: <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/Evelyn/Evelyn.html>

Gender Outlaw — Kate Bornstein, 1994, Routledge (ISBN 0-415-90897-3)
Trans Liberation, Beyond Pink and Blue — Leslie Feinberg, 1998, Beacon Press (ISBN 0-8070-7951-0)

Trans Gender Warriors — Leslie Feinberg, 1996, Beacon Press (ISBN 0-8070-7941-3)

True Selves, Understanding Transsexualism — Mildred Brown & Ann Rousley, 1996, Josey-Bass Inc. (ISBN 0-7879-0271-3)

Read My Lips: Sexual Subversion and the End of Gender — Riki Anne Wilchins, 1997, Firebrand Books (ISBN 1-56341-090-7)

In Search of Eve: Transsexual Rites of Passage — Anne Bolin, 1988, Bergin and Garvey, (ISBN 0-89789-115-5)

The Apartheid of Sex — Martine Rothblatt, 1995, Pandora (ISBN 0 04 440958 3)

Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism — Pat Califia, 1997, Cleis Press Inc. (ISBN 1-57344-072-8)

Daycare Trust

This national charity has been ramping up its campaign for quality affordable childcare for all children and it is already having an impact, says Kerry Baigent

DAYCARE Trust is the national childcare charity, campaigning for quality affordable childcare for all children aged 0-14 and raising the voices of children, parents and carers.

In 2004 Daycare Trust will be raising the voices of parents, so that all families can access quality affordable childcare.

To make life better for their families, parents are calling for:

- A children's centre in every community, providing quality affordable childcare, early education, health, family and employment support.
- Childcare to be more affordable through improvements in the childcare element of the working tax credit to reflect the real cost of childcare and the additional costs for two or more children
- A years paid parental leave to give families more choice in the crucial first year of a child's life
- A childcare workforce that reflects the community it serves
- Employers to extend flexible working practices to all employees

Daycare Trust appears to have an ability through direct action to influence New Labour Policy. In September 2003, Daycare Trust launched a postcard campaign calling for a children's centre near to parent's homes to make life better for families. Thousands of parents sent these postcards to Chancellor Gordon Brown.

Gordon Brown pledged in his budget speech to create 1,700 children's centres around the UK by 2008, with a longer term goal of children's centres in every community. These community centres will become as much a focus of community life as the local school, the local place of worship and the local park.



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Lottery money from the New Opportunities Fund paid for this childcare programme in Easton, Bristol

Daycare Trust runs Conferences throughout the year, providing parents, trade unions, carers and employers the opportunity to attend events that could influence the future direction of childcare in this country.

The National Women's Committee has attended the Daycare Trust Conferences and has highlighted the concerns of women members within the Fire and Rescue Service and in particular the problems surrounding access to childcare for shift workers.

The National Women's Committee has also highlighted this issue as an addition to a motion on childcare at the Women's Trade Union Conference being held in March. We will report an update on this issue in the next issue of *Siren*.

For more details about the Daycare Trust, contact them via their website: www.daycaretrust.org.uk.

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