

Genderqueer DC

Safe Space Guidelines

Welcome to Genderqueer DC!

A Safe Space is a place where everyone can relax and be able to fully express themselves, without fear of being made to feel uncomfortable, unwelcome, or unsafe. We require everyone to respect others. Please try to keep our safe space guidelines in mind throughout the meeting. Everyday conversation often makes assumptions about people's gender. It takes thoughtful effort to create a genderqueer safe space. If someone says something questionable, they will be gently redirected. Don't be embarrassed- everyone makes mistakes. A genderqueer safe space is new for everyone, and this takes practice!

If someone keeps on misgendering or invalidating others, they will be asked to leave the meeting.

Safe Space Guidelines:

- No racism, sexism, ableism, or other discrimination.**
- Don't comment on appearances unless someone specifically asks for advice. We came here for a genderqueer meeting. We don't know anyone's gender, story, or how they feel about how they look. Even a compliment can hurt.**
- Please allow others to speak, try not to interrupt, and limit side conversations. Not everyone is comfortable speaking in a group, but everyone here deserves the chance to share.**
- Please feel free to use any name and pronouns, especially if you are considering a new name and would like to try it out. Don't say negative things about people's pronouns.**
- Offer sympathy and understanding instead of judgment or advice, unless someone asks for it.**

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