

When I was at school,
I had nobody to relate to. I thought
I was alone. I thought people like me were
somehow wrong, faulty, defective. I didn't see how
I could live my life in a way that was true to who
I was, because I had no role models to show me
it was possible. An educator like me
might have given me hope.

**Sarah Brown, Liberal Democrat
and Trans Activist**

Evidence from cultural
historians has shown that
trans people have existed in
every human society that has
ever existed on this planet.
Excluding trans people only
weakens us, by reducing
diversity.

**Natacha Kennedy,
Trans Academic**

Having educators of all gender
identities is essential to educating through
our 'usualising' pedagogy, in that all of us can
walk down school corridors without any fear of
discrimination. This will only happen when we
consistently model and teach difference and
diversity without any apologies for who we are.
**Elly Barnes, Director and Founder of
'Educate and Celebrate'**

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Why Trans Educators Matter



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The National Education Union proudly supports a diverse workforce, which celebrates difference and promotes a common humanity. Supporting transgender pupils and staff means ensuring that the attitudes which generate transphobia and perpetuate stereotypes about gender, sexism and misogyny, are eliminated across all areas of school life.

Silence and invisibility about this issue in schools is the wrong approach.

You can download a poster at <https://neu.org.uk/TransEducatorPoster>

Good trans educators stand proudly alongside the previous generations of black educators, women educators, and disabled educators as wise, caring and respected people who pupils may well one day wish themselves to grow up to be. We simply add to the lexicon of person stories that teach young people how to be proud of themselves and to live life to the full.

Stephen Whittle

Trans educators can teach students to not be afraid.

Jay Stewart,
Co founder and Facilitator,
Gendered Intelligence

Can children cope with the idea of people changing gender? Will it upset them? Children's literature is full of transformation stories. If a mouse can become a footman and a frog can become a man without traumatising young minds then men and women crossing gender roles is a tame idea by comparison.

Christine Burns, Author of 'Making Equality Work' and 'Pressing Matters'