

# OII - International Intersex Organisation

**OII** is an international coalition with associations in the following countries:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- France
- India
- Israel
- New Zealand
- Spain
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom - UK
- United States of America - USA

**OII** is a non-profit organisation incorporated in Canada with branches worldwide.


OII has members with almost all known intersex variations and provides peer support in English, French, Spanish and German and websites in seven languages.

**OII** Global Website:  
[www.intersexualite.org](http://www.intersexualite.org)

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# Services We Offer:

- Support groups for people who are intersex and/or intergender.
- Resource persons with different intersex variations.
- An independent association of intersex advocates helping fight against pathologisation of intersex.
- A large international community with trans, queer, feminist and Two Spirit allies.
- Health professionals who are allies from different countries. 

# Our Mission:

- Campaign in favour of human rights for the intersexed.
- Encourage an exchange of ideas and different perspectives about intersex from various groups and geographical regions.
- Provide information concerning actual life experiences of people with intersex conditions to medical personnel working with infants with atypical genitalia, to psychological experts, sexologists, sociologists and specialists in feminism.
- To assist families and friends of intersexed individuals to understand intersex and to cope with the specific problems related to the role as a support person.
- The Organisation Intersex International (OII) is devoted to systemic change to end the fear, shame, secrecy and stigma experienced by children and adults through the practice of nonconsensual genital surgeries for people born with atypical anatomy, and the arbitrary assignment of a particular gender without an informed consultation with the individual concerned. ✨

# We Have Learned from Listening to Intersex People & Those Who Love Intersex People that:

- Intersex is for many a problem of stigma and trauma; for some gender assignment; for some health; for some, combinations of all of these.
- Surgeries should not be performed on individuals without their consent to reproduce social norms of gender and genital correctness. ❁
- Parents' desire for a perfect child must not be addressed by surgery on the child.
- The desire for a healthy child is understandable, but we recommend that parents not be counselled to terminate pregnancies because of the possibility that a child may be born intersex.
- Professional counselling and therapy may be beneficial to those trying to come to terms with their situation.
- Complete disclosure is a right, and a necessity, if the individual is to make the best possible choices for their future.
- Gender assignment should be arrived at through negotiation with the individual, in a process of free choice, which may include options not to commit to being either gender.

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# Declaration Of Fundamental Principles:

- Intersex is not a medical condition: intersex refers to those individuals born of intermediate sex between what is considered standard for male or female in our societies.
- Contrary to what is often asserted, the various degrees of intersex are not innately an illness or deformity. They are simply variations of the human body similar to the length of the nose, the colour of eyes, & c.
- We reject medical categories for the various degrees of intersex, which are in fact only different reference points on a natural continuum of anatomical and genetic variations.
- We stress the whole person from infancy through adulthood and choose not to focus on an individual's genitalia. We are people, not genitals. As people, we have a right to our own genitalia and our own identity without interference, forced treatment or other coercion from legal and/or medical authorities.

fundamentalism inherent in the current binary construct of sex and gender. Some intersexed individuals are subjected to genital mutilation in childhood as a result of this totalitarian, sexist oppression. For this reason, we denounce all forms of sexism prevalent in our societies, which is principally directed against women, the intersexed, and other communities which challenge sex and gender norms.

- To promote visibility and the recognition of our existence as a normal and natural part of humanity will benefit not only the intersexed but all people oppressed by the sexism which prevails in our societies. ✨

- The basic problems faced by the intersexed are socio-cultural in nature and not medical and are a result of the dogmatic

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