**Gender Reform Resources**

Many churches are trying to figure out how we respond biblically to the complex questions of gender identity that are now widely discussed and underpin the Scottish Government's Gender Reform Bill.

The Public Theology Group is providing these resources to inform and encourage discussions. Inclusion of resources on this list should not be interpreted as an endorsement or agreement by the BUS or the group. If you would like to suggest additional material or resources please email the Public Theology Group via BUS.

Gender Recognition Reform Bill Scottish Government

<https://www.gov.scot/news/gender-recognition-reform-bill/>

Consultation analysis

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill-analysis-responses-public-consultation-exercise/pages/9/>

**General news articles**

Evangelical Alliance

Those exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity should be allowed to choose support, new poll reveals, [article](https://www.eauk.org/press-centre/those-exploring-their-sexual-orientation-or-gender-identity-should-be-allowed-to-choose-support-new-poll-reveals).

Premier Christianity

Scotland’s new gender laws show why every Christian needs to challenge trans ideology, [article](https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/scotlands-new-gender-laws-show-why-every-christian-needs-to-challenge-trans-ideology/12695.article).

Christian Today

What should the Church do about transgender?, [article](https://www.christiantoday.com/article/what-should-the-church-do-about-transgender/120493.htm).

Elaine Storkey

Created or Constructed? The Great Gender Debate, [article](https://cbmw.org/2007/07/02/created-or-constructed-the-great-gender-debate-by-elaine-storkey/).

Church Times

C of E gives a holding response to Government’s trans consultation, [article](https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/26-october/news/uk/c-of-e-gives-a-holding-response-to-government-s-trans-consultation).

Church Times

House of Bishops’ sexuality project loses transgender member, [article](https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2019/1-february/news/uk/house-of-bishops-sexuality-project-loses-transgender-member).

Article directly from Revd Dr Christina Beardsley, [article](https://cofe-equal-marriage.org.uk/beardsley-left-llf/).

**Organisations and Resources**

Evangelical Alliance

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill consultation [page](https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/public-policy/could-you-respond-to-government-consultations/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill-consultation).

Trans Safeguarding in Churches

[Trans+Safeguarding+in+Practice.pdf (squarespace.com)](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstatic1.squarespace.com%2Fstatic%2F5dbc42246286de63cbff8862%2Ft%2F60ba0284cbd00325bd9d4c1d%2F1622803091257%2FTrans%2BSafeguarding%2Bin%2BPractice.pdf&data=05%7C01%7C%7C6a3c1eb8a1924361aee708da26fc6fdd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637865162888870598%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=h%2Bl%2Ba4EMAcmPfhN1y5SAIsL%2FyxhB1Q%2BIJhq9SfphEW8%3D&reserved=0)

Affirm

<https://www.affirm.org.uk>

Creating Sanctuary

<https://www.creatingsanctuary.org.uk>

One Body One Faith

<https://onebodyonefaith.org.uk>

Open Table Faith; come as you are

<https://opentable.lgbt>

For reference; Mind's Trans specific support helpline (Bristol)

<https://bristolmind.org.uk/help-and-support/mindline-transplus/>

**Medical Resources**

Christian Medical Fellowship

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill [response](https://www.cmf.org.uk/advocacy/submissions/?id=254).

Christian Medical Fellowship

Full [list](https://www.cmf.org.uk/search/?search_string=transgender&search_mode=all&whole_site=on) of ‘transgender’ resources/information.

**Theological, Religious and Spiritual Resources**

Evangelical Alliance

Transformed: Considering transgender with Peter Lynas [resource](https://www.eauk.org/resources/what-we-offer/reports/transformed-understanding-transgender-in-a-changing-culture/transformed-considering-transgender-with-peter-lynas).

LICC; Following Jesus in a sexular age | Part 3: Creating

<https://licc.org.uk/resources/sexular-age-3/>

Baptists Together; Walking with Samantha <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/526204/She_is_still.aspx>

**Other Resources**

Mark A. Yarhouse (2015)

Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture (Christian Association for Psychological Studies Books)

<https://christianscholars.com/understanding-gender-dysphoria-navigating-transgender-issues-in-a-changing-culture/>

Christina Beardsley (2016)

This is my body: Hearing the theology of transgender Christians

<https://www.abebooks.co.uk/9780232532067/body-Hearing-theology-transgender-Christians-0232532060/plp>

Down and Beardsley (2020)

Trans Affirming Churches: How to Celebrate Gender-Variant People and Their Loved Ones

<https://uk.jkp.com/products/trans-affirming-churches>

Steve Chalke (2018)

The Gender Agenda: Towards a Biblical Theology on Gender Identity, Reassignment and Confirmation

<https://www.abebooks.co.uk/9781980670001/Gender-Agenda-Biblical-Theology-Identity-1980670005/plp>

David Bennett

A War of Loves: the unexpected story of a gay activist discovering Jesus

<https://www.dacbennett.com/a-war-of-loves>

Evangelical Alliance; Cross Section podcast

Ukraine, Nationalism, and Gender Identity

<https://podtail.com/podcast/cross-section/ukraine-nationalism-gender-identity/>

The Christian Institute podcast

Transgenderism

<https://www.christian.org.uk/resource/ci-podcast-transgenderism/?autoplay>