

## Spoiler Alert: Imagining New Futures by OUTYouth



*All drawings, sounds and speech made by members of OUTYouth*

[bamboo wind-chimes fade in - knocking gently together, they continue shimmering underneath the voices]

The fact of being who or what a person or thing is.

Well, I suppose that's the dictionary definition of identity...

[bamboo wind-chimes continue to shimmer and ripple]

What are you guys' thoughts on -uh - gender as it is now, and how it may be perceived in future?



Hm, I feel like gender as it is now is - kind of- it's perceived very weirdly, by a lot of people. Um - they might, like, perceive it as something that doesn't really matter, um, or some people might perceive it as something that, like, really affects everyone. And I think in future, it would more be considered something that doesn't matter as much. Um, especially, like - let's say like with jobs - you would be treated differently in a different job based on your gender. Since gender would be less of a thing, you know, it would be easier for someone, like, let's say a woman, to get a job that's typically for a man.

[bamboo chimes fade out and a metallic kalimba plays a short descending looped melody, layered with delicate tapping and hundreds and thousands being poured, these sounds all fade out]

Do you have anything to say on it?

Um - like, I feel like, there'll be - like you say - there'll be less of a big deal made about gender in the - um - in the future, I think.

Yeah.

So with the way things are going at the moment, it's just - hm, apart from a very vocal minority - like, again, because I grew up in the nineties, and the way gender non-conforming people are treated today compared to how they were treated when I was in school is like night and day different.

Yeah.

So it's been interesting - I'm interested to see where the trajectory goes with that.

Well, I do personally think, like, that gender is going to change over, like, the next fifty years or so [sound of hot chocolate being made, a spoon stirring in a cup] with how much society is changing.

How so? How do you think it's going to change?

[bamboo chimes return quietly under dialogue]

I feel like most people are going to be, like, either tolerant or accepting of people in the LGBT community, you know, and a lot more people are going to become educated on pronouns and situations where you can get into asking.

[sound of kalimba played quickly, energetically, with speech layered and overlapping on top]

What do you think countries will be like in a few years? Do you

think some would be, like, gone extinct?

What is the one villain from any source of media you would like to actually try to fight?



You call that music?! I said 'you call that music?' ... men tend to dress like this.

Is it- what do you think it is about it? Is it the sportiness, or the colour?

I - I don't know why - I just normally see the style with, you know - classic hoodie, tracksuit - weirdly that's not my favourite manliest style, really. I prefer to be like a classy boy - dress shirt, jeans. Yeah, I'm a bit of a sucker for that. I want a waistcoat. I wore...

We're just doing one big recording, really, out of natural conversation. [laughter] Head's up - there's some bits - it's forty-four minutes long.

Fourty-four minutes.

[kalimba fades out, a four-note ascending metallic chime rings out, then ethereal chimes continue to gently loop and echo]

The 3.32 shuttle from Plymouth to Exeter St. Davids leaves in ten minutes.

I do find it quite hard to, like, say my pronouns in front of people, in case they're like- it's the wrong people to tell.

Yeah.

Yeah.

So do you think in the future when your age group are the adults and you're the older ones, do you think it'll be more normal?

Mmhm. Yeah.

I think it'll be more normalised.

[metal chimes continue to ring]

When you say relationships, I kind of think of more -um- I kind of think of, like, polyamorous, because obviously that's not like really normalised, at all, and I think it will be, like, more normalised for people to be able to date other people at the same time as dating someone else, and that, like, not be cheating as long as everyone's aware and okay with it.

[metal chimes fade out and bamboo chimes softly return]

Um - and also with relationships, I think closer friendships will be more normalised as well.

Queer platonic relationships are really cool.

Yeah, and queer platonic relationships, which if you don't know what that is, it's - um - so it's like having a friendship, but it's- like -it's more intimate but not in a romantic or sexual way.

I saw a really good explanation, which is, like, you're in a relationship but you don't have any romantic - like, you do all the things you would do in a relationship, but you don't have romantic feelings for that person. If that makes sense.



But also - not in like a sexual way either.

I suppose it's sort of like, that idea of like - if I'm understanding you correctly, it's like how - one of my oldest trans friends I consider like a sister rather than a friend, like that sort of closeness.

Yeah. Similar to that, it does vary from case to case though.

[bamboo chimes continue, with a high metallic chime ringing out]

Oh - also I think with fashion, there'll be a lot more inclusivity, like with dress size and like, stuff like that.

- about individuality?

Yeah. And also I think we should, like, really get rid of 'one size fits all' because it barely ever does.

- It doesn't. One size fits -

Most!

- a certain most, some! Like a certain group.

[a high sustained metallic drone of a singing bowl begins]

So it doesn't make sense to me to keep that, just have different sizes.

[a fizzy popping sound grows, along with a repeating loop on the chimes there is background chatter beneath the voices]

Just imagine that - everyone uses, like, sounds to describe their thing - like autistic people, um - it can either be loud music or timid, quiet music - you know some people have sensory issues.

Yeah yeah.

Uh- ADH people would be like really jumpy classical music like BOOOIING! BIIING!

[Laughter] Well, I've got ADHD and I think it would be like playing three songs at once, for me.

[chimes melody is layered up, with three different versions playing at once]

This is a bad idea, to give two autistic people the power of sound.

[chimes melody loop returns, with snippets of voices saying unidentifiable things echoing, this loops and gradually fades out]

