**LGBTQ Inclusive Terminology in Gaelic**

Scottish Gaelic has been around for hundreds of years and over those years it has continued to change and adapt to the world around it. With the rise in positivity around diversity, more people find it is okay to come out as who they really are in relation to gender and sexual orientation. As such, there is now Gaelic terminology for some of these words and knowing them will help both improve your Gaelic while also being considerate.

**Sexuality & Gender**

I am is Tha mi in Scottish Gaelic

Gay is Gèidh in Scottish Gaelic

Homosexual is Co-sheòrsach in Scottish Gaelic

Lesbian is Leasbach in Scottish Gaelic

Bisexual is Dà-sheòrsach in Scottish Gaelic

Heterosexual is Eile-sheòrsach in Scottish Gaelic

Transgender is Tar-ghnèitheach in Scottish Gaelic

Non-binary is Neo-bhinearaidh in Scottish Gaelic

**Pronouns**

Knowing the correct pronouns for someone can be extremely helpful for beginning to improve your Gaelic. Below is a list of all the pronouns you can use in Gaelic, if you would to hear the pronunciation of these you can also [check out the TikTok.](https://www.tiktok.com/@young.scot/video/7062274461441084678?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id=7051913173628700166)

he / him is e / esan in Scottish Gaelic

she / her is i / ishe in Scottish Gaelic

they / them is iad / iadsan in Scottish Gaelic

you - thu / thusa is Scottish Gaelic

you (plural / polite) is sibh / sibhse in Scottish Gaelic

Some words may not be on this list as there is not a strong correct term in Scottish Gaelic, but plans are in place to [provide more gender-inclusive language in Gaelic.](https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/19950847.trans-inclusive-vocabulary-added-scottish-gaelic/)

**Find out more**

* [Gaelic.co](https://gaelic.co/gay-gaelic/)
* [More LGBTQ+ Gaelic Vocabulary (not all of this vocabualary is commonly used in Gaelic)](https://gaelic.co/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/LGBT-Gaelic-Lexicon-2017-02-15.pdf)

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