

Intersectional Theory

What does it all mean?

Theorists believe that having an overlap of social identities contributes to the oppression and discrimination experienced by some. This can have an adverse effect on their resilience and overall mental well-being.

For instance:

- **Class**
- **Gender**
- **Race**
- **Sexual orientation**
- **Age**
- **Young carers**
- **Creed or Religion**
- **Disability**
- **Service children**
- **Gender identity**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Looked after children**
- **Refugee / Asylum Seeker**

CREED = your spiritual or religious belief.

RACE & ETHNICITY = in basic terms, **race** describes physical traits, and **ethnicity** refers to cultural identification.

Someone might say their **race** is "Black," their **ethnicity** might be Italian. Likewise, someone might say their **race** is "White," and their **ethnicity** is Irish.

Case study

Jim is a 72 years old widower. He was born in Belfast but has lived in York for most of his adult life. He is a catholic but not actively practicing.

His wife of 45 years died 6 months ago and since then Jim has accepted that he is gay and would like to live his remaining years as such.

Jim has 2 adult daughters and 3 grandsons aged 13, 17 and 22.

Since he retired 5 years ago Jim has volunteered 1 day per week in the café at the Railway Museum. His late wife also volunteered there but in the gift shop.

Jim is a long standing member of the darts club and enjoys going to watch York FC play with his eldest grandson who is in the army and stationed nearby.

What are your thoughts on Jim and his decision to live life as a gay man?