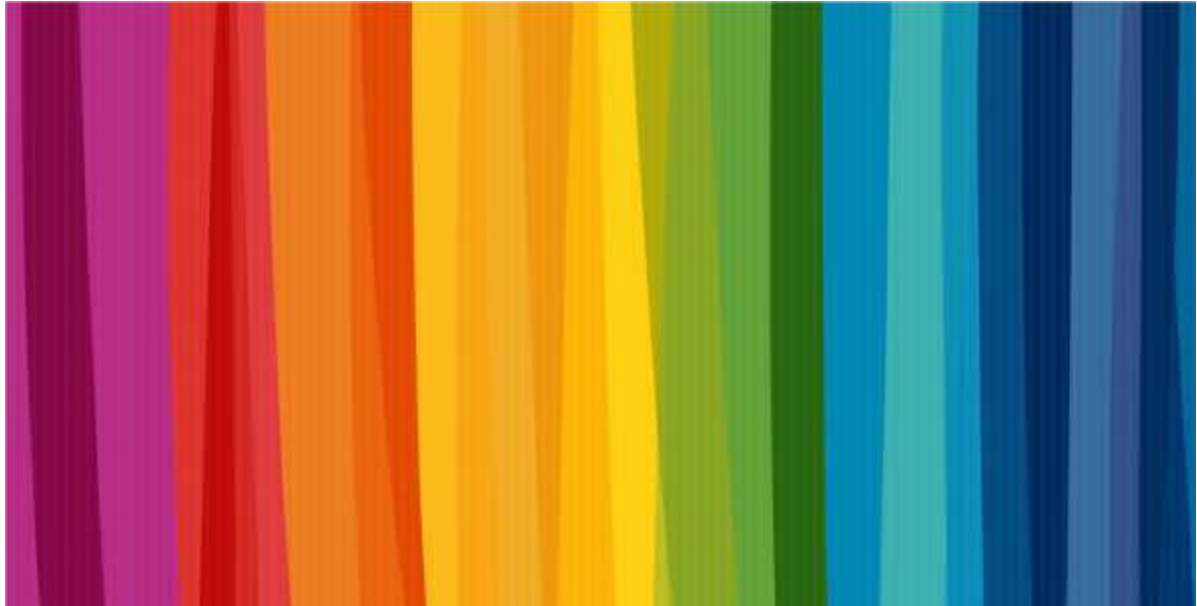


USQ Ally Network Newsletter



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Dear Allies,

Welcome to the July edition of the USQ Ally Newsletter! By now we are almost becoming accustomed to the new world, whether it be working from home, social distancing (some of us were doing that before it was cool...) and cancelling any travel plans for the foreseeable future!! Here at USQ the Ally Network is just getting on with the business of supporting and welcoming LGBTIQ+ staff and students, acknowledging value of diversity and the importance of inclusion. We are always on the lookout for interesting articles, information about events and professional development opportunities to include in the Ally newsletter. Please email Ally@usq.edu.au to share your points of interest.

Queers in Science **Written by Kaylee Ahern**

In June, the organisation Queers in Science held a powerful webinar - Queer Journeys in STEM with scientists whose careers were impacted by being in the lgbtqia+ community.

The webinar raised awareness of the Queers in Science organisation. Queers in science aims for inclusion of the lgbtqia+ community into all STEM institutions, through advocacy, visibility, education and networking. If you would like to be a part of the Queers in Science team, or would like to learn more about it and participate in future events you can sign up to the mailing list.

Head to [**their website**](#) for more information.

What's going on at USQ?

LGBTIQ+ Awareness Training



Know anyone who wants to become an Ally? Tell them about our upcoming online training webinars. We have three coming up in the next couple of months.

When: **19th August 2020** 10am- 12:30pm
Or : **8th September 2020** 10am- 12:30pm
Or : **28th October 2020** 10am- 12:30pm

USQ Ally Network Natter

USQ Ally Network Natters are intended to be a safe and inclusive space for discussion for members of the LGBTIQ community and their supporters within USQ.

Details of the next Natter are: **USQ Ally Network Natter**



Wednesday 5th August, 12.45pm

Guest Speaker: *Krystle Scott*, President of USQ Pride

We will be hearing from Krystle Scott, current President of USQ Pride, to learn what the club is all about, and the importance of its role.

Join us via live zoom webinar. Register [here](#).

What's going on outside of USQ?



Woolloongabba Rotary Club forms first LGBTIQ Pride Group

The Rotary Club of Woolloongabba have become the first Rotary club in the world to sponsor a Pride Club to support Queensland's LGBTIQ community. Australia's Rotary Clubs are part of a global network of business and community leaders providing humanitarian services to their communities.

[More here](#)



First Indigenous Australian to head ILGA Oceania

Vanessa Lee has become the first Indigenous Australian to hold the position of ILGA Oceania co-convenor. ILGO Oceania is a branch of ILGA World, a 42-year-old United Nations NGO advocating for LGBTIQ rights. [More here](#)



Scooby-Doo's Velma was always meant to be gay – we knew it!

There have been so many versions of Scooby-Doo and his gang after the whole concept started in 1969 and they have been loved ever since. Now, one mystery has been solved, as two creators behind separate adaptations of the much-loved series confirmed that they always intended for Velma to be a lesbian. [Read about it!](#)



Wear it Purple Day 2020 28th August

Wear it Purple Day is about showing LGBTIQ+ young people that they have the right to be proud of who they are. It is about creating safe spaces in schools, universities, workplaces and public spaces to show LGBTIQ+ young people that they are seen and supported.

This year, Wear it Purple Day is celebrating 10 Years! One of the principles of Wear it Purple Day is to "Champion rainbow role models to help young people establish the confidence to be who they are". Maybe you are a role model for others.

Wear it Purple Day calls on us to celebrate and promote the value of diversity and inclusion in all community settings. USQ Allies are invited to all be role models, even just for one day.

The USQ Ally Network invites you to show your support on Friday 28th August by wearing purple, using purple in your font colour for communications and/or using a Wear It Purple background in zoom or Teams meetings: [Wear it Purple website resources are here.](#) You could even use the Wear It Purple Day banner in your email signature for the week (24th-28th August).



Supports

LGBTIQ resources and referrals

When Life isn't always glitter and rainbows: If life becomes overwhelming, know that headspace is a safe space for you to come and talk about everything you're going through. Checkout headspace's page about [Finding Your Safe Space](#)

QuAC wants all LGBTIQA people to have increased control over their health. They are a resource for social, economic and personal development. They offer advice and training, as well as a myriad information on health. No question is too hard for them, Freecall 1800 177 434 and check out all the resources on their website [here](#)

Please remember that the USQ Ally Network keeps a list of LGBTIQ resources and referrals available for download on the [Ally website](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the downloadable list. This is a useful tool for you when supporting those who identify as LGBTIQ. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Kind regards,
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