

USQ ALLY

Network Newsletter



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Welcome to our October edition of the Ally Network Newsletter. Look out in this edition for a report on the Bi Day of Visibility and the on-campus activities that occurred this month.

Please don't forget that we are always on the look out 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.

Ally Network Natters



October saw our last Ally Network Natter for the year! Thank you to all who have joined us throughout 2018 for the Natters! If there are any you missed or would like to revisit, as a registered Ally you can access the recordings on the Ally Network StudyDesk [here](#).

We will be kicking off again in March 2019. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at ally@usq.edu.au with any suggestions, referrals or volunteers for guest speakers!

LGBTIQ+ Awareness Training

We held a successful session on 12th October, with one more training opportunity now left before the end of the year!

Participants will be eligible to become formally recognised as a USQ Ally.

When? Tuesday 27th November, 10am-12.30pm

Where? Online webinar

How? Register [here](#) for the November session

or email Ally@usq.edu.au for more information

So please refer any interested parties so that we can build our numbers!



If you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter and wish to access the links, please go to <https://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/support/lgbtiq-community> where this and past editions are posted.



Rainbow families travel to Canberra to urge parliament to protect LGBTIQ students

Transgender and gender diverse children and their parents are among a group of advocates who have travelled to Canberra to call on politicians to deliver amendments to anti-discrimination laws protecting LGBTIQ students from discrimination at school. [MORE](#)

LGBTI groups call on Morrison government to protect trans students and teachers

50 LGBTI and ally organisations have joined forces to call on the government to protect trans and gender diverse students and teachers in Australian schools. [MORE](#)



Why we created international pronouns day

You know that feeling of being seen and noticed in a good way? For many people the affirming moment when someone uses your correct name and pronoun is barely noticed. And for others—especially transgender and non-binary folks—it can be a transforming moment of support and affirmation.

[MORE](#)

Memorial artwork to remember victims of gay hate violence in Sydney

A permanent memorial artwork recognising the victims of gay hate violence in New South Wales has been given council approval and funding.

[MORE](#)



Kerryn Phelps to become first openly lesbian MP in House of Reps

Dr Kerry Phelps' likely win in the Wentworth by-election has been welcomed by LGBTIQ advocates. Phelps is a doctor and the first woman or LGBTIQ person elected president of the Australian Medical Association. [MORE](#)

Events and Entertainment



Springfield



Ipswich



Toowoomba

Bi Visibility Day

23rd September was [Bi Visibility Day](#). The USQ Pride Club had fun activities on each campus, such as tie dye and a Bi-Metre quiz to test where you land on the sexual orientation continuum!

Intersex Awareness Day

October 26th was Intersex Awareness Day, a day to acknowledge those in the population who identify as intersex and highlight their human rights. USQ Pride marked the day by sharing the good word, along with some cookies! Find out [MORE](#) about what intersex is.



Elite, Netflix's super gay teen drama, has been renewed for season 2

LGBTQ fans have been pleasantly surprised by the unexpectedly queer series. *Elite* boasts two gay characters, a few bisexuals, polyamory, and even a plotline destigmatizing HIV. Combine that with the high stakes of teen drama, a beautiful cast, and a murder mystery, it's no wonder the show's garnered such a rabid fan base! [MORE](#)

Support Services

Bulk-billing LGBTIQ-friendly GP in Toowoomba

headspace Toowoomba has a bulk billing GP who works alongside their LGBTIQ group. She has a lot of experience with **headspace** centres and clients, and particularly with young people who are transgender. There are no wait times for appointments. Dr Violeta is available Mondays and Wednesdays at **headspace** and bookings can be made on 4639 9000.



QLife/Diverse Voices

QLife is Australia's first nationally-oriented counselling and referral service for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and/or intersex (LGBTI). QLife provides nation-wide, early intervention, peer supported telephone and web based services to people of all ages across the full breadth of people's bodies, genders, relationships, sexualities, and lived experiences.

3:00pm to midnight in your state, around Australia, every day. **CALL 1800 184 527** **ONLINE CHAT**

PFLAG

A support group for the family and friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Agender and other diverse people.



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Supporting our GLBTIQ community, their families and friends
<https://www.facebook.com/pflagipswich>

My Big Gay Family My Big Gay Family is a safe, inclusive space to explore and celebrate the depth and diversity of all LGBTIQ families. **Informed. Connected. Empowered.**



The Pinnacle Foundation

The Pinnacle Foundation has been established to provide scholarships to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Queer students who are marginalised or disadvantaged.

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Open Doors

Open Doors provides Advocacy and support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual and/or transgender, Intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) young people aged 12 to 24 and their families who live in South East Queensland.

<http://www.opendoors.net.au/>

Relationships Australia—Rainbow Program

Relationships Australia, Ipswich and Toowoomba, now provides The Rainbow Program, striving to support the mental health and wellbeing of people of diverse bodies, genders and sexualities, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & intersex (LGBTI) people, as well as those questioning their gender identity or sexual orientation. Includes counselling and support groups. <http://www.raq.org.au/services/rainbow-program>



Our House Our Haven Inc. is a brand new registered charity organisation based in Ipswich. They are a nurse-led clinic providing care, psychotherapy and different treatment options for chronic and crisis mental health clients. Where staff are trained in supporting those who identify as LGBTIQ+ <https://www.ohoh.org.au/>

