



Multicultural LGBTQIA+ Support Directory

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please contact Advance Diversity Services:

@ info@advancediversity.org.au

(02) 9597 5455

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Introduction

This directory has been compiled to provide information for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and including all minority sexual and gender identities, as well as atypical biological sex (LGBTQIA+). This resource contains information related to religious groups, cultural groups and sporting groups that are specifically for LGBTQIA+ individuals, with the aim of providing assistance and social support in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land as the Bidjegal/Bidjigal/Bedegal and Gadigal/Cadigal people of the Eora nation and pay our respects to Elders both past and present. We would like to extend this acknowledgment to those identifying as LGBTQIA+.

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Support Services



ACON


 (02) 9206 2000

 acon@acon.org.au

 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW

 www.acon.org.au

 aconhealth

 aconhealth

ACON is a health promotion organisation based in New South Wales, specialising in HIV prevention, HIV support, and the promotion of the lifelong health of LGBTQIA+ people and people with HIV. Their head office is in Sydney, and they have offices in key regional locations and provide services throughout NSW. Some of their services include:

- ▶ LGBTQIA+ counselling (12 sessions)
- ▶ Substance support counselling (12 sessions)
- ▶ Substance support clinic
- ▶ Support groups for LGBTQIA+ domestic violence (in partnership with Relationships Australia)
- ▶ Workplace inclusion training through Pride in Diversity programs
- ▶ Free workshops for young gay men 18 to 26 years of age, including Start Making Sense – Arabic & Middle Eastern speaking backgrounds
- ▶ General workshops for adult gay men.

Camp Out

☎ 0467 697 325

@ registrations@campout.org.au

@ info@campout.org.au

www www.campout.org.au

campoutcrew

An annual camp based in NSW for LGBTQIA+, same-sex attracted, gender-diverse and questioning young people aged between 13 to 17. Camp Out offers the chance to attend an away-from-home camp in a supportive and safe place with people who share similar experiences, and to learn and express yourself in a fun environment.

Camp Queer (CQ) GLBTIQA+ Support Group

☎ (02) 4625 2525

@ maja.ljubojevic@sswahs.nsw.gov.au (Maja Ljubojevic)

@ slavica.risteska@sswahs.nsw.gov.au (Slavica Risteska)

📍 Traxside Youth Health Service, 4 Langdon Avenue, Campbelltown, NSW

The group usually meets on a fortnightly basis (for 2 hours) alternating between educational and social nights. Please contact CQ for updates.

CQ is a support group for young people from 16 to 24 years of age. The support group provides a safe space where LGBTQIA+ young people can socialise, increase their knowledge on health and other relevant issues.

The group is currently on hold until further announcement.

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GLISTEN

☎ (02) 9556 1769 or 0410 452 323
(Nadia)

@ reconnectyouth@stgeorgeyouth.org

www www.stgeorgeyouth.org


www www.kogarahcommunity.org.au

f yoursafespace

GLISTEN is a project run in partnership with Kogarah Community Services and St George Youth Services for same-sex attracted, gender diverse and questioning young people (LGBTQIA+), along with their allies in the St George, Bayside and Sutherland areas. GLISTEN is a support and social group, which also includes movie afternoons, art, music, excursions, workshops and various other activities. The project also delivers community education to address homophobia, transphobia and discrimination, and supports Wear It Purple Day.

Groups meet on the first Monday of every month from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Transport available on request.

head Out


 (02) 9393 9661


 jennie.dang@flourishaustralia.org.au

 1/41-45 Rickard Road, Bankstown, NSW

head Out is a support group for young people from 16 to 25 years of age. The group runs movie nights, board game nights, social events, and occasionally guest speakers from LGBTQIA+ services to discuss LGBTQIA+ relevant topics. The group provides a safe space for like-minded young people to create connections and network with each other. This may also include advocacy at schools and celebrating social events such as Wear It Purple Day, Mardi Gras, IDAHOT and Fair Day.

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

 (02) 9294 1002

 info@pflagaustralia.org.au

 www.pflagaustralia.org.au

 pflagsydney


PFLAG are a not-profit voluntary organisation whose members have a common goal of keeping families together. PFLAG is available to give help, support and information to families and friends of all gay people.


Minus 18

 www.minus18.org.au


Minus 18 provides resources and advocacy for same-sex attracted, gender diverse, trans and non-binary young people. They also organise a Queer Formal in Sydney for 500 young people. For more information visit their website.

QLife

 1800 184 527

 www qlife.org.au (online chat available)

 qlifeaus


 qlifeaustralia

QLife is a nationally-oriented counselling and referral service for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex. 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.

QLife enables communities to work towards their own better health outcomes by providing a place to talk about mental health, relationships, isolation, coming out and a whole host of other concerns.

Operating hours are 3:00pm to midnight daily.

Same Sex Sydney South West Youth Group (SSSSWYG)

 (02) 9796 8633

 maja.ljubojevic@sswahs.nsw.gov.au (Maja Ljubojevic)

 slavica.risteska@sswahs.nsw.gov.au (Slavica Risteska)

 The Corner Youth Health Service Bankstown, 101 Restwell Street, Bankstown, NSW

SSSSWYG is a support group for young people from 16 to 24 years of age. The support group provides a safe space where LGBTQIA+ young people can socialise and increase their knowledge of health and other relevant issues. The group meets for two hours on a fortnightly basis and alternates between educational and social nights.

Twenty10 incorporating GLCS NSW

 (02) 8594 9550 (Twenty10 Administration)

 (02) 8594 9555 (Intake and support)

 info@twenty10.org.au

 Level 1, 45 Chippen Street, Chippendale NSW

 www.twenty10.org.au

 [twenty10incglcsnsw](https://www.facebook.com/twenty10incglcsnsw)


 [twenty10](https://twitter.com/twenty10)

Twenty10 incorporating GLCS NSW works with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, non-binary, intersex, questioning, queer, asexual, people of diverse genders and sexualities, and their families and communities. They provide a broad range of specialised services for young people 12 to 25 years of age, including housing, mental health, counselling and social support. Other services include:

- ▶ Out West (12 to 25 years of age)
- ▶ Monthly Dinner (20 to 28 years of age)
- ▶ Drop-In (12 to 25 years of age)
- ▶ Social Saturdays (over 18 years of age – no upper age limit)
- ▶ Women's Coming Out (18 years of age – no upper age limit)
- ▶ Men's Talking It Out (18 years of age – no upper age limit).

Transgender Services

The Gender Centre INC

 (02) 9519 7599

 reception@gendercentre.org.au

 41-43 Parramatta Road, Annandale NSW


 www.gendercentre.org.au

 [gendercentre](https://www.facebook.com/gendercentre)

 [thegendercentre](https://twitter.com/thegendercentre)

The Gender Centre INC provides services and activities which enhance the ability of people with gender issues to make informed choices. They offer a wide range of services to people with gender issues and their partners, family members and friends. This includes services for youth of all ages.

Sydney Transgender & Diversity Counselling

 0414 101 429

 anthony@transgendercounselling.com.au


 www.transgendercounselling.com.au


 516 King Street, Newtown NSW


 [sydneytranscounselling](https://www.facebook.com/sydneytranscounselling)


Sydney Transgender & Diversity Counselling provides counselling services for individuals, families and couples affected by gender diversity. In addition to individual sessions, they provide a range of services, including group therapy, education sessions for employers and couples counselling.

Transcend

 info@transcendsupport.com.au

 www.transcendsupport.com.au

 [transcendsupport1](https://www.facebook.com/transcendsupport1)

 [transcend2012](https://twitter.com/transcend2012)

Transcend is a parent-led peer support network and information hub for transgender children and their families. Transcend focuses on advocacy, information, fundraising and speaking in support of young transgender Australians.



Intersex Services

Oii Australia (Organisation Intersex International Australia Limited)

 0405 615 94 (Morgan Carpenter, Co-Executive Director)


 info@oii.org.au

 www.oii.org.au

 [oii.au](https://www.facebook.com/oii.au)

Oii Australia is an independent support, education and policy development organisation for people with intersex variations. They promote human rights and bodily autonomy for intersex people, and provide information, education and an online peer support group.

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 (02) 9519 7599

 reception@gendercentre.org.au

 41-43 Paramatta Road, Annandale NSW

 www.gendercentre.org.au

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 [thegendercentre](https://www.twitter.com/thegendercentre)

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Cultural Groups



ACON Asian Gay Men

 (02) 9206 2080

 asia@acon.org.au

 www.acon.org.au/who-we-are-here-for/asian-gay-men

The ACON Asian Gay Men's network is for gay men from all Asian cultural backgrounds. It provides a safe space and coordinates a range of workshops, social events, forums and other activities.

Asian Marching Boys and Friends (AMBF)

 info@asianmarchingboys.org

 groups/ambfsydney/

AMBF promotes the visibility and acceptance of gay Asian men and their friends, and provides a foundation for social networking. AMBF also raises money to fund an entry in the annual Mardi Gras Parade to provide AMBF supporters with a fun and safe platform to acknowledge and express their sexual identity.

Muslim Collective

@ info@muslimcollective.com

www www.muslimcollective.com

f muslimscollective

Meet other local progressive Muslims and get together in an open, compassionate and non-judgmental environment. They have regular meet-ups and engage in a variety of activities.

Trikone Australasia

@ info@trikone.org.au

www www.trikone.org.au

f trikoneaustralasia

t trikoneau

Trikone Australasia is a Sydney-based community organisation that provides social support and a safe, nurturing environment for LGBTQIA+ people of South Asian origin living in Australia.

Oceania Rainbow Network

☎ 0404 408 223 (Ymania Brown-Gabriel)

☎ 0451 122 293 (Ken Moala)

@ ymania@gmail.com (Ymania Brown-Gabriel)

@ kenmoala@hotmail.com (Ken Moala)

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A community support network for the Pacific LGBTQIA+ community and their families, friends, supporters and allies. This group is inclusive of all races, genders, sexualities, spiritual paths and religious and non-religious beliefs.

Sydney Queer Irish

@ sydneyqueerirish@gmail.com

www www.sydneyqueerirish.com

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Sydney Queer Irish is a social group for Irish people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and live in or are passing through Sydney. They hold various events throughout the year.

Religious Groups

Acceptance

@ info@gaycatholic.com.au

📍 Corner of Bedford and Station Streets Newtown NSW

🌐 www.gaycatholic.com.au

The group meets on Friday nights for mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Newtown.

Acceptance Sydney is a faith community supporting LGBTQIA+ Catholics and their families and friends. Their mission is to affirm the authenticity and dignity of LGBTQIA+ Catholics in the church. Acceptance Sydney supports inclusion, diversity and respect, and provides a safe, spiritual and social environment to help reconcile faith and sexuality.

CRAVE Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)

☎ 0425 220 635

📍 395 Oxford Street Paddington NSW

🌐 www.cravemcc.com

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Crave MCC is an authentic, welcoming and inclusive community who believes that everyone is worthy of the Gospel. Crave MCC also provides services such as food relief in Waterloo public housing and a ministry for those who desire freedom from addiction. Service is held on Sundays at 3:00pm at Paddington Uniting Church Hall.



Dayenu

- ☎ 0438 163 776
- @ info@dayenu.org.au
- www www.dayenu.org.au
- f dayenu.sydney

Dayenu exists to meet the needs of Jewish LGBTQIA+ people as well as their friends, families, partners and other supporters. They provide outreach through education, information, resources, social activities and other events.

Leichhardt Uniting Church (LUC)

- ☎ (02) 9564 0808
- @ contact@leichhardtuniting.org.au
- 📍 3 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt NSW
- www www.leichhardtuniting.org.au
- f leichhardtuc
- 🐦 leichhardtuc

LUC is a committed community of Jesus' followers where everyone is welcomed and greeted with the joy and love of God. It is a safe place for all those who seek the biblical connections between faith and justice. A list of welcoming and affirming Uniting Churches is available here: www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au/where-to-worship.





Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Sydney

 (02) 9569 5122

 office@mccsydney.org

 96 Crystal Street, Petersham NSW


 www.mccsydney.org

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MCC Sydney is committed to teaching and learning more about the message of Christ, helping each other learn and grow with God, and spreading the gospel in a supportive manner. MCC Sydney have built a house of worship for the loud and proud, the lost, the lonely and the enquiring alike and caters to those who have felt alienated by other churches.

Spark Church

 hello@sparkchurch.com.au (Bec Apted and Elizabeth Plant)

 3 Bridges Community Centre, 23 St Georges Road
Penshurst NSW


 www.sparkchurch.com.au

 sparkchurchsydney


Spark is a church of love and affirmation, and welcomes people of diverse sexualities. They affirm all people as belonging, valued, beautiful and loved, no matter where they are in the journey of life.


Service is held every second Sunday at 6:00pm.


Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Good Shepherd, Western Sydney

 0431 361 519

 mccgoodshepherd3@gmail.com

 Granville Uniting Church, 9 Carlton St, Granville NSW

 www.mccgoodshepherd.com

 mccgoodshepherd

Good Shepherd Western Sydney is a Christian church founded in the gay community for all the community. They aim to reach people with the inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community of the Western Region of Sydney and country NSW.

Service is held on Tuesdays 7:00pm. All welcome.

Sydney Queer Muslims (SQM)

 info@sydneyqueermuslims.org.au

 www.sydneyqueermuslims.org.au

Sydney Queer Muslims (SQM) provides a safe space for LGBTQIA+ Muslims and their families and friends to socialise, share information and learn from each other.

Online Support Services



Queer Muslims in Australia

 www.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/queermuslims/info

Queer Muslims in Australia's Yahoo group, QMs, is for Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, questioning, queer and/or curious (LGBTIQ) and wish to engage in a safe space online. All Muslims are welcomed and accepted, and their involvement and participation is encouraged.

Yugoslav LGBTI+ Queer Network

 stefan.joksic@gmail.com

 [groups/446596935444468](https://www.facebook.com/groups/446596935444468)


Yugoslav LGBTI+ is an online social, support group and knowledge-sharing point for Yugoslav LGBTI+ people.



Legal Services



Gay and Lesbian Immigration Task Force (GLITF)

 (02) 9283 4031

 www.glitf.org.au


GLITF assists the foreign partners of Australian lesbians and gay men to migrate to Australia. They do that by:

- ▶ Providing information and advice relating to Partner Migration for gay and lesbian couples
- ▶ Working with politicians and public servants to build understanding of the partner migration laws and how they affect gay and lesbian couples
- ▶ Lobbying to improve the migrations laws to assist more gay and lesbian couples to stay together
- ▶ Providing updates about changes to migration legislation and policy that would impact the gay and lesbian community.

Inner City Legal Centre

 1800 244 481

 www.iclc.org.au

 Basement, Kings Cross Library, Neighbourhood Centre
50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross NSW

 iclc@iclc.org.au

 innercitylegal

 iclc

ICLC provides free legal advice for anyone who identifies as LGBTQIA+ in NSW. They can provide information and referral services as well as specialist legal services for gay and lesbian, transgender and intersex individuals. They also provide support for people experiencing domestic violence in same-sex relationships.




Medical Services

LGBTQIA+ friendly GP contacts:

 www.acon.org.au/what-we-are-here-for/sexual-health/

Sports and Recreational

Continuous Lines

 (02) 9588 3948

 hannah.grant@shopfront.org.au

 Shopfront Arts Co-op, 88 Carlton Parade, Carlton, NSW

 www.shopfront.org.au/continuous-lines

Work with leading Australian professional artists and create your own art in a chilled out space. This weekly hub of creativity, art, music and food, is a safe space for young people with all sorts of advice, support and creative processes. Continuous Lines is a no-pressure space which is inclusive for all and welcoming for those with mental and emotional health needs. Afternoon tea provided.


Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir

 www.sglc.org

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir is a non-auditioned choir which welcomes members regardless of their sexual identity or musical experience. The choir is open to all – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersex, queer and our straight allies. What unites them is a love of singing together and striving for performance excellence. A powerful symbol of diversity, inclusion and harmony, the choir has maintained a vital and visible presence in the history of Sydney's LGBTQIA+ community.

Team Sydney Sports

 0411 151 195

 www.teamsydney.org.au

 www.facebook.com/teamsydeysports

Team Sydney Sports connects clubs and communities through sport. They promote sport, fitness and healthy lifestyles among Sydney's diverse community sports organisations. Team Sydney Sports member organisations are non-discriminatory and welcome the participation of all sportspeople.

Festivals and Events



Queer Screen

www.queerscreen.org.au

A celebration of the diversity of sexualities and gender identities through queer storytelling on screen. Queer Screen runs a program for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, and has various screen events throughout the year including documentaries.

Wear It Purple Day

www.wearitpurple.org

Wear It Purple Day is about showing rainbow young people and the broader community that they have a right to be proud of who they are. It's a rainbow youth led-event, in which all young people can become involved.

The organisation behind Wear it Purple Day, goes beyond the day itself, and includes a Youth Action Council (YAC) which it encourages LGBTQIA+ young people to be a part of. The YAC meets monthly in Sydney to discuss and direct what they do as an organisation. They also run educational workshops. Resources, posters and Wear It Purple merchandise can be found on their website.

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

www.mardigras.org.au

The most comprehensive and interactive LGBTQIA+ event in Sydney, which includes the famous Parade, Fair Day, films, cultural events, art, comedy and theatre.

Sydney Transgender International Film Festival (STIFF)

www.cinewest.org

STIFF is a screen culture initiative to create a platform for Australian transgender filmmakers, showcasing their short and feature length films alongside finalists from around the world. The festival also presents works that have transsexual content by non-trans filmmakers from Australia and beyond.

Media



LOTL (Lesbians on the Loose)

 www.lotl.com

A national magazine for lesbian, bisexual and queer women with news, community events, entertainment and interviews. Pick-up at inner-city outlets for free or visit online. Also lists an online community business directory.

Star Observer

 www.starobserver.com.au

Star Observer has been setting Australia's LGBTQIA+ agenda since 1979, with a long and proud history of independent journalism. They have over 250,000 loyal readers who embrace their publications, which include a monthly national magazine and a popular news website. Publications include Star Observer, Gay Scene Guide and LUXE, across print and digital media.



