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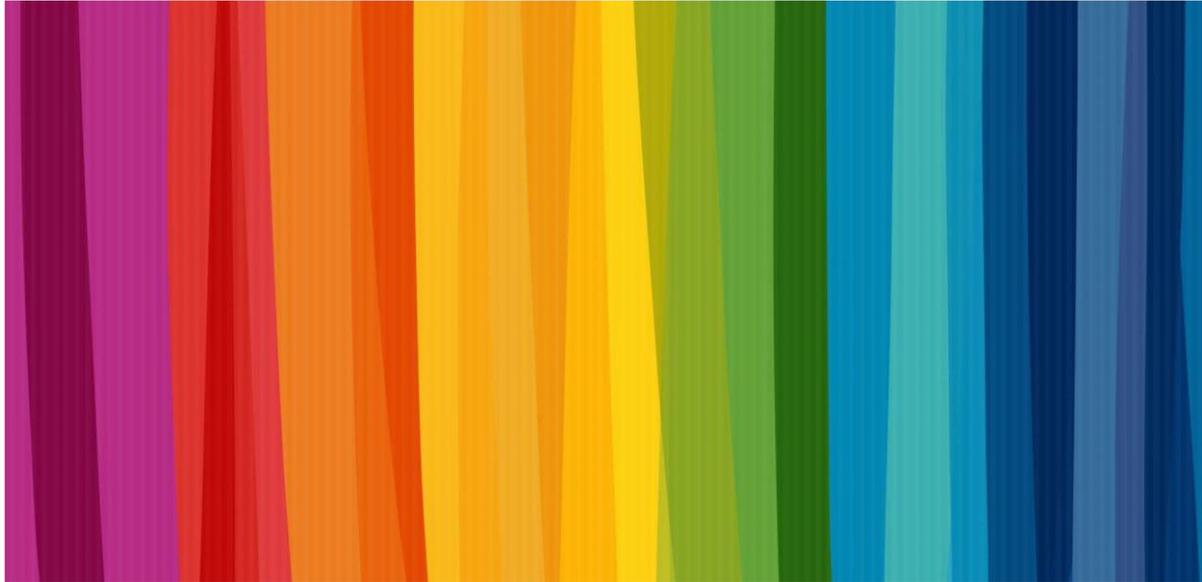
Dear Allies,

Welcome to the May edition of the USQ Ally Newsletter! The past two months since our last newsletter has seen a massive shift not only in the world, but also in the plans we had for the Ally Network events this year. Fortunately we have adapted quickly to this new norm and moved some of the IDAHOBIT events online. However, our usual flag raising took place at all campuses. Check out this video from USQ Pride at the Ipswich campus.

Please remember that 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.auto share your points of interest.

What's going on at USQ?
LGBTIQ+ Awareness Training

Know anyone who wants to become an Ally? Tell them about our upcoming online training webinar

When: **19th August 2020** 10am- 12:30pm

If you are having trouble registering through the above link, please email ally@usq.edu.au and we will provide you with an alternative link.

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.

<mark>PLEASE NOTE: For the foreseeable future, USQ Ally Network Natters will be delivered online only.</mark>

Details of the next Natter are:

USQ Ally Network Natter
Wednesday 3rd June, 12.45pm

Guest Speaker: *Caitlin Lyons* headspace Ipswich
Caitlin Lyons is the Community Engagement Coordinator at headspace Ipswich. She has a background in community engagement, particularly around inclusive and diverse program development for positive health and wellbeing, having worked predominantly in the sport for development sector. She has been at headspace Ipswich for 10 months now and is passionate about increasing education and access to services in for better mental health.

Join us via live zoom webinar. Register here.

What's going on outside of USQ?

IDAHOBIT 2020 in Australia and all around the world

Despite the pandemic, LGBTIQ communities and allies across the world yesterday (17th May) celebrated IDAHOBIT 2020, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia. READ MORE

Gay nurse with COVID-19 shares shocking before and after photos

A US man who contracted COVID-19 at an LGBTIQ festival in March has shared before and after photos after spending weeks hospitalised on a ventilator. MORE

Germany bans 'gay conversion therapy' for under 18s

Germany has passed a new law banning 'gay conversion therapy' for those under 18.The new law means that anyone caught promoting services to 'cure' homosexuality to young people will face a fine of up to £30,000 or a year in jail. MORE

LGBTI Domestic Violence Awareness Day 28th May

Did you know that May 28 is LGBTI Domestic Violence Awareness Day?

Recent studies have demonstrated that up to 62% of LGBTIQ+ people have experienced DV in their relationships, yet reporting rates are still incredibly low.

Learn more about the day, and what to do if you/someone you know is experiencing family violence here

Supports
LGBTIQ resources and referrals

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 or who have people close to them who identify.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Kind regards,
USQ Ally Network

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