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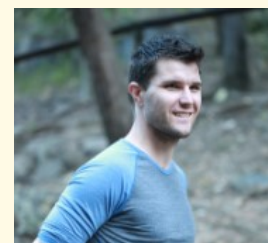


Welcome to our October edition of the Ally Network Newsletter. We are pleased to be able tell you that we have four new LGBTIQ+ Awareness training sessions in the calendar they will take place on a Wednesday between **10am-12.30pm**. If you know anyone who wants to become an ally please pass on these dates and the webinar links!

13th November 2019 **22nd January 2020**
11th December 2019 **12th February 2020**

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.

Big 'Thank you' to all who contributed to our Ally Natters



October saw our last Ally Network Natter for the year! Thank you to all who have joined us throughout 2019 for the Natters and to all of our wonderful speakers without whom we would not be able run the sessions. 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 2020. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at ally@usq.edu.au with any suggestions, referrals or volunteers for guest speakers.



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.

In the News



Uganda plans to introduce death penalty for homosexuality with 'kill the gays' law

Uganda has plans for a bill that would impose the death penalty on homosexuals, saying the legislation would curb a rise in "unnatural sex" in the east African nation.

The bill — colloquially known as "kill the gays" in Uganda — [was nullified five years ago on a technicality, but the Government said it plans to resurrect it within weeks.](#) [MORE](#)

Nearly 200,000 join first Taiwan Pride since same-sex marriage

Up to 200,000 people joined Taiwan Pride celebrations yesterday. Organisers said people came to Taipei from all over Asia. It was the first Pride march since the island became the first country in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage in May this year. [MORE](#)



Sydney wins bid to host WorldPride in 2023

Sydney has won the rights WorldPride in 2023 and will become the first city in the southern hemisphere to ever host the major international LGBTIQI event. [MORE](#)

Sport

James Johnson: 'My Struggles as an Intersex footballer'

Former Nigeria Super Falcon forward Iyabo Abade, who was born intersex, began a career as a female footballer aged 11. [Watch](#)



Entertainment



Rachel Weisz to play Elizabeth Taylor in biopic about gay icon's activism

Actress Rachel Weisz has been cast as Elizabeth Taylor in a new biopic chronicling Taylor's pioneering HIV/AIDS activism.

The film, titled *A Special Relationship*, will focus on Taylor's pivot from movie star to activist in the 1980s, in particular her relationship with assistant Roger Wall. [MORE](#)

Events

Intersex Awareness

Thanks to the Pride Club, all our volunteers and participants at the **Intersex Awareness** events that ran at each of the campuses this month. It was a great opportunity to get talking about what is Intersex.

Our badge maker was again a hit, making intersex flag badges for staff and students.

Let's keep the conversation going, here are some **myths** about Intersex.



FREE TRAINING USQ STUDENTS!

Ever wondered what to do if someone close to you was having a mental health emergency? Could you recognise the early warning signs of a mental health problem? Would know where to send someone for help? Interested in having a mental health qualification to add to your resume?

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem or who is in a mental health crisis. Like physical first aid, mental health first aid is given until the person receives professional help or until the crisis resolves.

USQ is offering FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING to all students over the age of 18. This two day training program will teach you:

- How to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems
- To help people in the early stages of these problems
- Where and how to refer people to get help
- Understand what types of help are effective
- Know how to assist in a mental health crisis until professional help arrives.

To register email mhfa@usq.edu.au



SafeZone App

Safety is important for all of us. SafeZone is a free app that connects you directly with the University's Campus Security team or Emergency Services. SafeZone is available free for all staff and students. This is a safety app for your phone which allows you to request assistance from USQ Campus Security easily and discreetly. Download it, and log in with your uni email address! **MORE**



Support Services



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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<http://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/contact-us>



Ipswich

Supporting our GLBTIQ community, their families and friends

<https://www.facebook.com/pflagipswich>



Black Rainbow is Australia's first and only National ATSI LGBTQI Suicide Prevention National Advocacy Platform. They support LGBTQI ATSI people who are homeless, leaving DV relationships or in the justice system.

[CONTACT](#) or their [Facebook Page](#)

www.blackrainbow.org.au

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/>

