

Multicultural LGBTI+ Support Directory

Specific to Sydney regions within New South Wales, Australia

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Introduction

This directory has been compiled for use as a resource to provide information for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex including all minority sexual and gender identities, as well as atypical biological sex or intersex (LGBTI+). This resource contains information related to religious groups, cultural groups and sporting groups that are specifically targeted at LGBTI+ individuals.

The groups listed are relevant to people from culturally, religiously and linguistically diverse backgrounds with the aim of providing assistance and social support in Sydney regions within New South Wales, Australia.

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LGBTI+ Support Services

ACON

Phone: (02) 9206 2000

Visit: www.acon.org.au

Address: 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aconhealth

Twitter: www.twitter.com/aconhealth

Email: acon@acon.org.au

ACON is a service for HIV prevention, HIV support and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people. They work to end HIV transmission among gay and homosexually active men, and promote the lifelong health of LGBTI+ people and people with HIV.

Camp Out

Phone: 0467 697 325

Visit: www.campout.org.au

Twitter: www.twitter.com/campoutcrew

Email: registrations@campout.org.au or info@campout.org.au

An annual camp for LGBTI+, same-sex attracted, gender-diverse and questioning young people aged between 13 to 17 years of age, based in NSW. Camp Out offers the chance to attend an away-from-home camp with people who share similar experiences, offering a supportive and safe space to learn and express yourself, an opportunity for capacity building and a fun environment in which to do so.

GLISTEN

Phone: (02) 9556 1769 or 0410 452 323 (Nadia)

Visit: www.stgeorgeyouth.org and www.kogarahcommunity.org.au

Email: reconnectyouth@stgeorgeyouth.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/yoursafespace

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

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 (LGBTIQ+), along with their allies in the St George, Bayside and Sutherland areas (but not limited). GLISTEN is a support and social group which also includes movie afternoons, art, music, excursions, workshops and various other activities. Glisten also delivers community education to address homophobia, transphobia and discrimination; Glisten supports Wear It Purple Day.

PFLAG

Phone: (02) 9294 1002

Visit: www.pflagaustralia.org.au

Email: info@pflagaustralia.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pflagsydney>

PFLAG stands for Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays. They are a non-profit voluntary organisation whose members have a common goal of keeping families together. PFLAG is here to give help, support and information to families, friends of all gay people.

Twenty10 inc. GLCS NSW

Metro Support: (02) 8594 9555

Rural free call: 1800 652 010

Twenty10 admin line: (02) 8594 9550

Address: Level 1, 45 Chippen Street, Chippendale NSW

Visit: www.twenty10.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/twenty10incglcsnsw

Twitter: www.twitter.com/twenty10

Email: info@twenty10.org.au

Twenty10 works with people across Sydney and New South Wales who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender diverse, non-binary, intersex, questioning, queer, asexual and more (LGBTIA+) people and others of diverse genders and sexualities, 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.

Specific Transgender and Intersex Services

Organisation Intersex International Australia

Phone: Morgan Carpenter, Co-Executive Director 0405 615 94

Visit: www.oii.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oii.au

Email: info@oii.org.au

OII Australia is a national body by and 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.

Sydney Transgender & Diversity Counselling

Phone: 0414 101 429

Visit: www.transgendercounselling.com.au

Address: 516 King St, Newtown NSW

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sydneytranscounselling

Email: anthony@transgendercounselling.com.au

Sydney Transgender & Diversity Counselling offers professional support, specialising in gender diversity. Providing reliable and caring counselling services for individuals, families and couples impacted 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

Visit: www.transcendsupport.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/transcendsupport1

Twitter: www.twitter.com/reberobbo

Email: info@transcendsupport.com.au

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

The Gender Centre INC

Phone: (02) 9519 7599

Address: 41-43 Parramatta Road, Annandale NSW

Visit: www.gendercentre.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gendercentre

Twitter: www.twitter.com/thegendercentre

Email: reception@gendercentre.org.au

The Gender Centre is committed to developing and providing 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, their partners, family members and friends in New South Wales. This include services for youth of all ages

LGBTI+ Cultural Groups

Asian Marching Boys

Visit: www.sites.google.com/site/asianmarchingboysaus

Email: info@asianmarchingboys.org

Asian Marching Boys strives to promote the visibility of Asian gay men in Australia. They aim to contribute to a positive image and foster cultural harmony and community integration.

Muslims For Progressive Values (MPV)

Visit: <http://www.mpv-australia.org>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/muslimsforprogressivevaluesaustralia

Twitter: https://twitter.com/mpv_austr

Meet Up Group: www.meetup.com/sydney-muslims-for-progressive-values-meetup

Meet other local progressive Muslims and get together in an open, compassionate and non-judgmental environment. They have regular meetups and engage in a variety of activities. MPV believe that all human beings deserve to live a life free from discrimination and abuse and support LGBTI+ rights completely.

Oceania Rainbow Network

Contacts:

Matautia Hartson (Finn)

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Phone: 0430 076 860

Ymania Brown-Gabriel

Email: ymania@gmail.com

Phone: 0421 105 553

Ken Moala

Email: kenmoala@hotmail.com

Phone: 0451 122 293

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oceaniarainbownetwork

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ilgaoceania

A community support network for the Pacific LGBTI+ community and their families, friends, supporters and allies. This group is inclusive of all races, genders, sexualities, spiritual paths, religious and non-religious beliefs who are supportive of their goals of outreach to Pacific LGBTI+ individuals and communities in Australia and the Pacific.

Sydney Queer Irish

Visit: www.sydneyqueerirish.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sqirish

Twitter: www.twitter.com/sydqueerirish

Email: sydneyqueerirish@gmail.com

A social group for Sydney Queer Irish and friends. It is a group for Irish people residing or passing through Sydney who identify as LGBTI+. They hold various events throughout the year.

Sydney Queer Muslims

Visit: www.sydneyqueermuslims.org.au

Email: info@sydneyqueermuslims.org.au

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

Trikone Australasia

Visit: www.trikone.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/trikoneaustraliasia

Twitter: www.twitter.com/trikoneau

Email: info@trikone.org.au

Trikone Australasia is a Sydney-based community organisation that provides social support and a safe, nurturing environment for LGBTI+ people of South Asian origin living in Australia. This includes anyone who can trace their ethnicity to one of the following places: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Tibet.

LGBTI+ Religious Groups

Acceptance

Phone: Chris 0402 474 666 (Please mention Acceptance when calling or leaving a message)

Visit: www.gaycatholic.com.au

Email: info@gaycatholic.com.au

Service time: Fridays, 8:00 pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church Newtown

Weekly Service Address: Corners of Bedford and Station Streets Newtown NSW

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

CRAVE MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)

Phone: 0425 220 635

Visit: www.cravemcc.com

Service time: Sundays, 3:00 pm at Paddington Uniting Church Hall

Address: 395 Oxford St Paddington NSW

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cravemcc

Twitter: www.twitter.com/cravemcc

Crave MCC is an authentic, welcoming and inclusive community that believes that everyone is worthy of the Gospel. Crave MCC community also provides services such as food relief in Waterloo public housing as well as a ministry for those who desire freedom from addiction.

Dayenu

Phone: 0438 163 776

Visit: www.dayenu.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dayenu.sydney

Email: info@dayenu.org.au

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

Freedom2b

Visit: www.freedom2b.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/freedom2baustralia

Twitter: www.twitter.com/freedom_2be

Freedom2b is a network of LGBTI+ people from Christian backgrounds. They are a non-judgmental, safe place that assists people on their journey to reconcile their faith, sexuality and/or their gender identity.

Leichhardt Uniting Church

Phone: (02) 9564 0808

Visit: www.leichhardtuniting.org.au

Address: 3 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt NSW

Facebook: www.facebook.com/leichhardtunitingchurch

Twitter: www.twitter.com/leichhardtuc

Email: contact@leichhardtuniting.org.au

Leichhardt Uniting Church (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.

MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) Sydney

Phone: (02) 9569 5122

Visit: www.mccsydney.org/

Address: 96 Crystal St, Petersham NSW

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mccsydney

Twitter: www.twitter.com/mccsydney

Email: office@mccsydney.org

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

MCC Good Shepherd, Western Sydney

Phone: 0431 361 519

Visit: www.mccgoodshepherd.com

Service time: Tuesday 7:00 pm. All welcome.

Address: Granville Uniting Church, 9 Carlton St, Granville NSW. Corner Carlton and Russel Streets

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mccgoodshepherd

Email: mccgoodshepherd3@gmail.com

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 transgendered community of the Western Region of Sydney and Country NSW.

Spark Church

Contacts: Bec Apted and Elizabeth Plant

Visit: www.sparkchurch.com.au

Service time: Every second Sunday night at 6:00 pm.

Address: 3Bridges Community Centre, 23 St Georges Rd Penshurst NSW. Just off Forest Rd.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sparkchurchsydney

Email: hello@sparkchurch.com.au

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

Online Support Services

Out and On-line

Visit: www.outandonline.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/outandonline

Email: contactus@outandonline.org.au

An on-line program to improve wellbeing and reduce mental health symptoms in same-gender attracted youth aged between 18 to 25 years.

QLife

Phone: 1800 184 527

Visit: www qlife.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/qlifeaus

Twitter: www.twitter.com/qlifeaustralia?lang=en

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 is a free and anonymous service that is delivered by LGBTI+ people. Operating hours are 3:00 pm to midnight daily.

Queer Muslims in Australia

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

QMs (Queer Muslims in Australia) is a Yahoo Group based in Australia for and by Muslims who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning, Queer or/and Qurious (LGBTIQ) and wish to engage in a safe space online. All Muslims are welcomed and accepted and they encourage involvement and participation.

Medical Services

LGBTI+ friendly GP list:

www.acon.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/gay_friendly_gp_list_february-2017_acon.pdf

Legal Services

Inner City Legal Centre

Phone: 1800 244 481

Visit: www.iclc.org.au

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/innercitylegal

Twitter: www.twitter.com/iclc

Email: iclc@iclc.org.au

The ICLC provides free legal advice for anyone who identifies as LGBTI+ 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.

Sports Teams

Team Sydney Sports

Phone: 0411 151 195

Visit: www.teamsydney.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/teamsydneysports

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