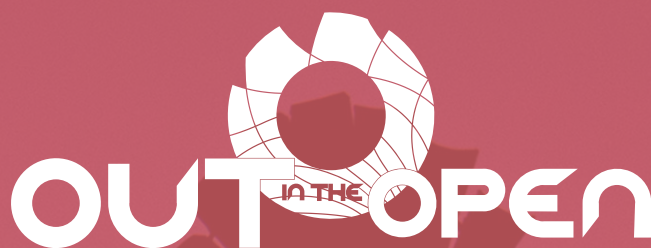


Outside the Square: Including SSAITGD young people

Friday 15 November 2013



A forum to bring together everyone who connects with young people; service providers, teachers, welfare workers, healthcare professionals, admin. staff, retail & hospitality team members, parents, bus drivers, receptionists, bank tellers, YOU!

“Outside the Square: Including SSAITGD young people” is being hosted by UnitingCare Cutting Edge’s Diversity Project as part of the OUTintheOPEN Festival. The forum will provide learning & professional development opportunities with a particular focus on “inclusive practice”; how best to cater to the needs of those who are SSAITGD (same sex attracted, intersex, trans* and/or gender diverse).

SSAITGD young people in rural areas have different needs to those in metropolitan areas facing higher levels of discrimination from homophobic attitudes, isolation, limited clinical health services and limited support systems. SSAITGD young people live, work and play in all parts of our community and can sometimes remain ‘invisible’ if the services/places they seek support/hang out are not committed to “inclusive practice”. SSAITGD young people may not identify themselves as such – or use a label at all – so ensuring we’re providing “inclusive” spaces where everyone feels welcome is the key. “But how do I do that?”

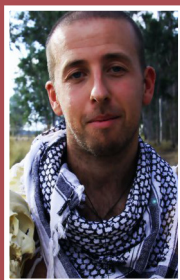
Labels (and all letters of the alphabet) aside, all young people deserve (and have the right) to be treated fairly, equally - and live ‘label-free’, if they so choose. We don’t need to put people in a ‘straight’ or ‘SSAITGD’ check-box to engage with them, but it certainly helps if we’re always thinking **outside the square**, “What can I do differently each day to ensure ALL young people feel welcome, valued & respected?”

Researchers, workers and young people involved in the youth sector will present information and inclusive practice strategies (for people living/working in country Victoria) in areas including mental health and wellbeing, sexual health, educational

Date:
15th November, 2013

Time:
9:15am – 4:30pm
(registrations open 9:00am)

Location:
Goulburn Valley Hotel
Function Rooms
(at rear)
223 High Street,
Shepparton



Daniel Witthaus

Keynote speakers:

Tarnia Thompson is the capacity development manager working on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, intersex (LGBTI) health alliance’s QLife project. QLife is a national teleweb project which brings together five existing gay and lesbian telephone counselling services across the country to deliver a new and improved telephone and web based counselling project which strives to meet the needs of the diverse members of the LGBTI communities. Tarnia has had a long history working both in (LGBTI) health and the drug and alcohol sector. During her four years on ACON’s Drug and alcohol team Tarnia worked on a number of drug and alcohol harm reduction campaigns and initiatives. These included the challenging ‘Don’t share a bloody thing’ campaign targeting injecting between intimate partners and the innovative online harm reduction game ‘Party safely with the Big Heads’ designed for same sex attracted young people.

Daniel Witthaus is a challenging homophobia educator, author and education activist, born and raised in the Bronx of Geelong. Gay rights advocate, Daniel, is an extraordinary man with an extraordinary mission to eliminate homophobia in Australia. This passionate Victorian embarked on an incredible 38 week journey in 2010, all around rural Australia, taking his anti-homophobia training, called Beyond That’s So Gay’, to schools, organizations and individuals. www.thatssogay.com.au

Presenters

A full list of Forum presenters & sessions can be found at:
www.outintheopen.org.au – click on the ‘Events’ tab, then ‘Fri 15 Nov | Forum’.

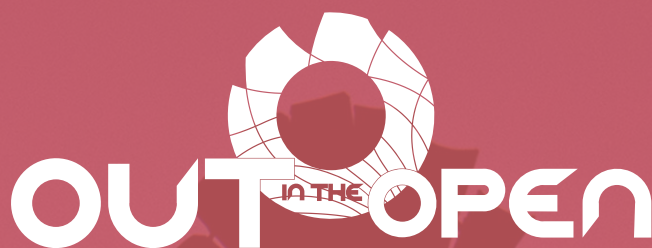
Information stalls & resources will be on display and available throughout the day.

Trans* people include (but are not limited to) those who describe themselves as transgender, transsexual, FTM (female to male), MTF (male to female), genderqueer, transman, transwoman, boi, crossdresser, androgynous, third gendered, two spirited, Sistagirl / Brotherboy.

All Forum attendees will receive a showbag containing resources, freebies & more.

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Registration Form

(please complete details below and return with payment to PO Box 1697 Shepparton 3632 – we will issue tax invoice/receipt)

Surname				Given Name/s		
Organisation				Job/Role		
Email Address						
Postal Address						
Town			State			Postcode
Phone (BH)				Mobile		
Dietary/Accessibility Requirements						

Type of registration

(inc. morning/afternoon tea/lunch)

(please circle)

Individual Registration	FREE
Scholarship Registration - see below	FREE
Dinner/Film Screening - optional Friday evening (6pm - 10pm) (2 course meal + "f2m: the boy within" doco) - see flyer or visit www.outintheopen.org.au for more info	\$29

We have secured limited, shared accommodation in Shepparton – please advise (& include payment or note in your scholarship application) if you would like:

- motel room (\$100/night)
THU / FRI / SAT (please circle)
- private billeting (free)
THU / FRI / SAT (please circle)

* NOTE: You must submit a separate registration form for each attendee - we would appreciate forms from the same organisation being submitted together with one payment

Payment Details

Please remit cheque payment to: "UnitingCare Cutting Edge", PO Box 1697, Shepparton 3632 OR
Account Details for EFT Transfer: GMCU **BSB:** 803 078 **Acc:** 28267 **Reference:** OIToForumYourName

Scholarship

To apply for a scholarship through the OUTintheOPEN committee, please attach a paragraph (no more than 300 words) detailing what attending the Forum will mean to you and how it will benefit you and your communities.

Please note the OUTintheOPEN committee will contact you within 1 week of receiving your scholarship application to advise whether you have been accepted.

All Forum attendees will receive a 'Certificate of Attendance' as per 'surname/given name(s)' entered above.

Questions/concerns? Please contact enquiries@outintheopen.org.au or phone Vicki on 03 5831 6157.