

Contact Sheet for LGBT people with CALD Backgrounds

Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens tread every continent, infuse every culture and appear in all societies on the planet. They are no longer isolated as a fringe demographic footnote unique to large cities.

Being able to make contact with other LGBT people from your home country and culture is important for those LGBT people with a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background. Finding understanding and support from those with similar lived experiences breaks down socialisation from both the LGBT and the CALD community.

Connection with support groups and organisations that understand LGBT and CALD issues assists people to understand their sexual and gender identity in the context of their own cultural and familial backgrounds. These offer LGBT people from CALD backgrounds the opportunity to gather sexual and other health information in a culturally appropriate way.

Legal Information

Age of Consent Laws Summary Table

	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	TAS	NT	WA
Homosexual Age of Consent	16	16	16	18 (all anal sex)	17	17	16	16
Heterosexual Age of Consent	16	16	16	16	17	17	16	16

QLD Age of Consent Law

Under section 208 of the Queensland Criminal Code it is an offence to have anal sex with either a male or female under the age of 18.

The act also expressly states that a person can neither give nor receive anal sex from someone under 18. This section offers no defence.

Alternatively, under section 215, the age of consent for all other sexual activity is 16 years. The Act expressly includes the 'attempt' to have sex with a girl under 16 as an offence. Unlike section 208, section 215 includes a defence, which requires:

- The person reasonably believed their partner was over 16, and.
- The partner was over 12 years of age.

Anti-discrimination provisions in QLD for LGBT people

There are anti discrimination laws in QLD to protect individuals from discrimination and vilification based on their sexuality, gender identity race or religion.

Discrimination in these areas means you are treated less favourably than someone else based on your sexual or gender identity, colour, descent, racial or ethnic background, your religion or beliefs or absence thereof.

Discrimination can occur at work, school or college, in shops or restaurants, looking for accommodation, buying property, applying for credit, insurance or a loan, dealing with tradespeople, businesses and local or state government.

Vilification is different from discrimination. While discrimination involves unfair treatment, vilification is a public act that incites others to hate you or your group (or have serious contempt or ridicule you) based on your sexuality or gender identity, race or religion.

This sort of hatred can show up in a number of ways including through speech, leaflets, graffiti, gestures, posters or stickers, websites, abuse or media articles.

To find out more information or to make a complaint contact the Anti Discrimination Commission QLD (ADCQ) on 1300 130 670 or TTY 1300 130 680 or web www.adcq.qld.gov.au

LGBT Support for those with a CALD background in Queensland

QAHC

QAHC is an independent community based organisation, originally the QLD Aids Council. QAHC promotes the health of LGBT Queenslanders

Ph (07) 3017 1777

Web: www.qahc.org.au

Open Doors

Open Doors is a service for supporting young people aged between 12 - 20 years who are exploring, questioning or identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender (LGBT).

Ph: (07) 3257 7660

Web: www.opendoors.net.au

ECCQ

The ECCQ was established in 1976 to represent the interests of the many people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds who are part of the broad social community of Queensland, and to promote multiculturalism.

Ph: (07) 3844 9166

Web: www.eccq.com.au

HIV/AIDS and HEP C Website

This is a multilingual website on HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C for people in Australia. The website is maintained by the Multicultural HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Service (MHAHS).

www.multiculturalhivhepc.net.au

Gay and Lesbian Immigration Task Force

GLITF is a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping Lesbian and Gay Australians bring their same sex partner to Australia with Permanent Residency Status. GLITF is made up of Australians and their partners, some of whom, have successfully been through the Immigration process and some who are currently negotiating the bureaucracy.

Web: <http://glitf.org/>

Email: info@glitf.org.au

Australian National Websites

The Australian Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, Intersex and Queer Multicultural Council of Australia

This is a national council that seeks to highlight and address issues related to sexuality, gender identity and intersex status in multicultural communities in Australia.

Web: www.agmc.org.au

Email: contact@agmc.org.au

Queer Muslims In Australia

QMs (Queer Muslims in Australia) is a yahoo group based in Australia for and by Muslims who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and/or Questioning (LGBTIQ) and wish to engage in a safe space online.

Web: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/queermuslims/>

Email: mohummadally@yahoo.com

International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Supporting community action on AIDS in developing countries. "Together, as global partners in the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, we are committed to supporting community action and, through collaboration, provide strength and support to each other"

Web: www.aidsalliance.org

Asian Social and Support

Long Yang Club Australia

Social groups for gay Asians, their partners and friends to meet and socialize in a friendly and supportive environment held throughout Australia.

Web: www.longyangclub.org/sydney/

Email: lyc_sydney@yahoo.com.au

QLD

gen-A

gen-A is a social group for Asian, gay, bisexual men and their friends between 18 – 45 years, in Brisbane and Gold Coast areas.

Email generation.asian@gmail.com.

Project Asia

Project Asia is a social group for Asian guys & their friends who are gay, bi or curious.

Email: projectasia@qahc.org.au

Salaam Namaste

Social support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people of Indian sub-continent origins.

Web: <http://salaam-namaste-sydney.blogspot.com>

Email: salaam.namaste.sydney@gmail.com

Sydney Asian Lesbians

Social and support group for the Australian-Asian lesbian community in Sydney.

Email: sal_information@yahoo.com.au

ACON Asian Project

The Asian Project at ACON (AIDS Council of NSW) aims to promote the health and wellbeing of primarily Asian gay & bisexual men, as well as other members of our Asian queer community in NSW, Australia.

Web: www.acon.org.au/asian

Web: www.acon.org.au/communities/asian

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aconhealth?ref=ss

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ACONHEALTH>

Email: asia@acon.org.au

Asian Marching Boys

Asian Marching Boys (AMB) strives to promote the visibility of Asian gay men in Australia by encouraging active participation in mainstream gay and lesbian cultural and social events, with the joint aims of promoting a positive image and fostering cultural harmony and community integration. AMB achieves it's aims by hosting numerous activities and staging various events.

Web: www.acon.org.au/communities/asian/news/asian-marching-boys

Email: info@asianmarchingboys.org

Gay Asian Proud

GAP is a social, supportive and education forum for gay Asian men. Activities range from social outings (picnics, movies, yum cha) to group discussions e.g. gay scene, relationship, friendship, sex (where to get it from!), family and more.

http://www.also.org.au/also_directory/gay_asian_proud

Email: gap@vic aids.asn.au

Yellow Kitties

Asian Queer Women's Network in Victoria for lesbian, bisexual, intersex, transgender women and women questioning their sexuality.

Web: www.yellowkitties.org

Email: peggy@yellowkitties.org

Greek Social and Support

Greek and Gay Support Network

Provides information and support to Greek LGBTI people in Australia

Web: www.greekandgay.com

Email: info@greekandgay.com

NSW

Greek and Gay

Support and information for Greek gay men in Sydney

Email greekgayguys@hotmail.com

Support and information for Greek lesbians in Sydney

Email greekgaygirls@hotmail.com

VIC

Greek and Gay

Support and information for Greek gay men in Melbourne

Email info@greekandgay.com

Support and information for Greek lesbians in Melbourne

Email: girls@greekandgay.com

Italian Social and Support

Arcilesbica

ArciLesbica Australia is a national social support group for Italian Australian women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTQ).

Web: www.arcilesbicaustralia.org

Email: arciles_au@hotmail.com

VIC

I Ragazzi "the boys"

I Ragazzi "the boys" - A social and support group for Italian guys who are into dinners, pubs, clubs, bocce nights and dances.

Email: i_ragazzi13@hotmail.com

Jewish Social and Support

Ortho Dykes

The purpose of this site is to provide a home on the Internet for Orthodox Jewish lesbians. At the moment, there are OrthoDykes groups in New York, in Israel and on the Internet.

Web: www.orthodykes.org

Email: orthodykes@starways.net

The Gay and Lesbian Yeshiva Day School Alumni Association (GLYDSA)

This website provides information and resources for Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews on sexuality and religion, with useful resources and links to other LGBT Jewish groups. What does the Torah actually say about homosexuality and sex? How can I reconcile being Jewish and gay? Are there other lesbian and gay Jews out there? Where are they? Etc

Web: <http://www.orthogays.org/>

Email: GLYDSA@hotmail.com

The world Congress for GLBT Jewish:

This website offers resources and links to world wide LGBT Jewish groups.

Web: www.glbtejews.org

Email: info@glbtjews.org

Ahavat Olam website:

Sources on Judaism and sexual orientation.

Web: www.metatronics.net/spirit/ahavatolam.htm

Dayenu: Sydney's Jewish GLBTI Community

NSW



Based in Sydney, Australia, Dayenu exists to meet the needs of Jewish gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals, trans and intersex people as well as their friends, families, partners and other supporters. We provide outreach through education, information, resources, social activities and other events. Email info@dayenu.org.au for more information on any event.

Web: <http://dayenu.org.au>

Email: info@dayenu.org.au

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/dayenu.sydney>

VIC

Aleph

Melbourne gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, "not quite straight", same-sex attracted men and men questioning their sexuality.

Web: www.aleph.org.au

Email: contact@aleph.org.au

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/aleph>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/alephmelbourne>

Young Aleph

Young Aleph is a friendly, secular, social and support youth group (16-30) for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and supporters who have a Jewish heritage, living in or around Melbourne

Web: <http://youngaleph.org.au>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/youngaleph>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/youngaleph>

Jewish Lesbian Group of Victoria (JLGVIC)

For lesbian, bisexual, transgender women and women questioning their sexuality.

Web: <http://jlgvic.org/home.html>

Email: jlgvic@hotmail.com