

Many Genders One Voice

Friday June 17th 2011, 6:00-8:00pm

Present: Amanda, Linda, Jade, Michelle, Stacy, Al, Patrick, Kathy, Kiera/n, Billy, Ash, Ricki.

Introduction and group rules – Amanda

Everyone introduced themselves.

1. What Healthy Communities has been doing

- a. Training on sex and/or gender diversity and creating inclusive services for workers in the health and community services sector. See: <http://www.qahc.org.au/training>
- b. Booklet: Supporting Sex and Gender Diverse (Trans) Clients
http://www.qahc.org.au/files/shared/trans_resource_181010.pdf
- c. Transgender Issues paper:
http://www.qahc.org.au/files/shared/trans_briefing_update220311.pdf
- d. Healthy Communities Fund (e.g. grant to Freedom! for logo design, website, and brochures) <http://www.qahc.org.au/fund>

2. What Trans communities have been doing

- a. **ATSAQ:** voluntary admin staff for the Brisbane Gender Clinic; monthly get-together; newsletter; Centrelink Outreach Office
- b. **Freedom!** Gender Identity Association, Gold Coast: meeting 3rd Saturday of month at Nerang Neighbourhood Centre, visiting speakers; newsletter; facebook group (closed); submission to AHRC Consultation on national LGBT anti-discrimination legislation; submission to Productivity Commission inquiry into Aged Care; developing website and factsheets
- c. **Jelly Beans:** Open Doors group for sex and gender diverse young people under 24; , 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 3-5pm
- d. **T-Bar:** Dance/Party for Trans people and their friends, Sportsman's Hotel, 1st Sunday of the month, 4-9pm
- e. **QTs:** casual catch-up for trans guys, Sporties 2-4pm (before T-Bar); Facebook group
- f. **G-Spot:** where picnics and gender meet; 2nd Sunday of month, Roma Street Parklands, 1-4pm; facebook group
- g. **Still Fierce:** a community-based collective that aims to promote the interests of the ISGD community, and create an inclusive space for ISGD folk to meet, network, socialise and engage in ISGD activism and education; Facebook group.
- h. **Changeling Aspects:** Kathy is a member of WPATH; does research and writes letters and submissions to government agencies
- i. **Seahorse:** originally for people who crossdress, now allows trans people to remain members. Meets 4th Friday at 7:00pm at Qahc.
- j. **Brisbane T-Girls:** 1st Saturday, around 9:30pm, upstairs at Sporties

- k. **LGBTI legal service:** drop-in Wednesdays from 6pm at Qahc; the majority of clients so far have been trans. <http://www.lgbtilegalservice.org/>
- l. **National LGBTI Health Alliance:** The National LGBTI Health Alliance was established by a number of organisations from across Australia that provide health-related programs, services and research targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and other sexuality, sex and gender diverse people. <http://www.lgbthealth.org.au/>

3. Key Health and Well-being Issues

- a. **Health Care**
 - i. General accessibility
 - ii. Gender Clinics in SE Queensland
 - iii. Mental Health services a big priority
 - iv. Training for medical practitioners, psychologist and psychiatrists
- b. **Database of Trans-friendly services and groups throughout Qld**
 - i. To be compiled
 - ii. Kept up to date
 - iii. Accessible and easily found (search engine optimisation)
- c. **Legal rights / Anti-discrimination**
- d. **Employment**
- e. **Housing**

4. Where to from here?

- a. **Form a Trans Action Group**
 - i. Send invitations to all participants
 - ii. Those who wish to form group can negotiate meeting date and time
 - iii. Working groups to address specific issues, come up with strategies to share with wider trans communities and allies
- b. **Facebook Group (closed for privacy reasons)**
- c. **Apply for Healthy Communities Fund grant for running costs and publicity**
- d. **Info on Healthy Communities website Trans page**
- e. **Sample letters to send to Ministers, media, etc.**

5. Final Thoughts:

- a. Thanks to all for coming, and sharing their stories and their concerns
- b. Thanks to Qahc for hosting event and supporting Trans communities
- c. Next time hear more from individuals rather than what groups are doing.