

HEALTH IN DIFFERENCE 2010: DOING DIVERSITY

Sydney, 29 April to 1 May 2010

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we will come together, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, and pay our respects to their elders

Health in Difference is Australia's premier conference on the health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and other sexuality, sex and gender diverse (LGBTI*) persons.

While many LGBTI people live healthy happy lives, as a population LGBTI people are known to have significantly poorer health outcomes than other Australians in several key areas, including mental health, general health ratings, alcohol and other drug use.

Health in Difference draws together community organisations, health practitioners, researchers, academics, policy makers, advocates, community members and others who are interested in improving the mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing of LGBTI people. It is a unique forum for those interested in health, gender, sex, and sexuality to come together and share their knowledge, network, learn, and laugh.

Registrations are now open!

Presenters will share recent research and innovative, effective practice examples, and explore issues together with participants. They will address key concerns for LGBTI people, such as mental health and suicide, ageing, violence, experiences of young people, culturally and linguistically diverse people and other specific groups, alcohol and other drugs, health promotion strategies, parenting, and health service access.

They are considered in relation to five core themes:

- Social Inclusion, Exclusion and Resilience: A Social View of Health
- Indigenous Health and Wellbeing: Culture, Context and Colonisation
- Sex and Gender Diversity: Differences within Diversity
- Community: The Changing Natures of Our Relationships
- Politics, Evidence and Practice: Creating Change

Health in Difference 2010 aims to "do diversity". This means bringing together the rich diversity within "LGBTI communities", and others who work with them, proactively including the diversity of LGBTI issues, and using our collective insights to make a contribution to the health and wellbeing of sexuality, sex and gender diverse people.

Health in Difference will

- be a forum for discussion, debate, sharing, learning, networking and organising around issues relevant to LGBTI health
- showcase the work, experiences and learnings of those working in the field of LGBTI health and wellbeing
- build connections, collaborations and alliances between practitioners, researchers, policy makers, advocates and community members, and
- provide an inclusive, participative, empowering and fun conference experience!

In addition to over 70 presentations and interactive workshops there will be social and networking opportunities.

Register now!

Earlybird rates until 26 March 2010

Discounts for members of the National LGBT Health Alliance

Online registrations only:

www.lgbthealth.org.au/Health-in-Difference-2010/registration

Conference accommodation can be booked together with your registration

Sponsor or exhibit!

Promoting your organisation and/or services at *Health in Difference* provides you with extensive benefits **AND** supports LGBTI community health.

To enquire about sponsorship and exhibition opportunities email info@lgbthealth.org.au

Find out more

www.lgbthealth.org.au/Health-in-Difference-2010
To be put on our mailing list, please email info@lgbthealth.org.au

* *Health in Difference* uses "LGBTI" as a recognisable acronym to refer to a diverse group of identities that includes but is not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/transgender and intersex people. We also use it as an invitation to think across identity labels and consider sexuality, sex and gender diversity in all their facets and communities.

We call on queer people, queens, straight people, sistergirls, brotherboys, fa'afafine, femmes, transsexuals, takatāpui, bois, bears, and toms, all those with an interest in sexual orientation, sex and gender identity and how these relate to health and wellbeing to be part of *Health in Difference 2010*

