

## 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 social isolation 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	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Western Australia
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.

## 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 Groups 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

[www.qahc.org.au](http://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

[www.opendoors.net.au](http://www.opendoors.net.au)

### 2qt 2b str8

2Qt2bStr8 (Too cute to be straight) is a support, social and information group in the Logan Beenleigh area for 16- 19 year olds who may be questioning their sexuality or who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersexed or Transgendered. The group is run by trained youth workers who won't judge or hassle you. This group has been run by Youth & Family Services (Logan City) Inc since the year 2000 and meets at their office in Woodridge once per fortnight. For more information or to meet the facilitator if you are interested in coming along please call YFS.

Ph (07) 3826 1500

Email [2qt2bstr8@yfs.org.au](mailto:2qt2bstr8@yfs.org.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. Its HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis & Sexual Health Program provides services for people from CALD backgrounds.

Ph (07) 3844 9166

[www.eccq.com.au](http://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](http://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.

[www.glitf.powerup.com.au](http://www.glitf.powerup.com.au)

Email [info@glitf.powerup.com.au](mailto:info@glitf.powerup.com.au)

## Australian 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.

[www.agmc.org.au](http://www.agmc.org.au)

Email [contact@agmc.org.au](mailto: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, Questioning, Queer or/and Qurious (LGBTIQ) and wish to engage in a safe space online.

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

Email [mohummadally@yahoo.com](mailto:mohummadally@yahoo.com)

AIDS information for people from different countries based in the UK

<http://www.aidsalliance.org>

## ASIAN Support and Social Groups

**Long Yang Club Australia** are social groups for gay Asians, their partners and friends to meet and socialize in a friendly and supportive environment held throughout Australia.

**Melbourne**

[www.longyangclub.org/melbourne](http://www.longyangclub.org/melbourne)

Email [melbourne@longyangclub.org](mailto:melbourne@longyangclub.org)

**Sydney**

<http://www.longyangclub.org/sydney/>

Email [lyc\\_sydney@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lyc_sydney@yahoo.com.au)

**Canberra**

<http://www.longyangclub.org/canberra>

Email [canberra@longyangclub.org](mailto:canberra@longyangclub.org)

### New South Wales

**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.

[www.asianmarchingboys.org](http://www.asianmarchingboys.org)

Email [info@asianmarchingboys.org](mailto:info@asianmarchingboys.org)

**Salaam Namaste** a social support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people of Indian sub-continent origins.

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

Email [salaam.namaste.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:salaam.namaste.sydney@gmail.com)

**Sydney Asian Lesbians**

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

Email [sal\\_information@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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.

[www.acon.org.au/asian](http://www.acon.org.au/asian)

Email [asia@acon.org.au](mailto:asia@acon.org.au)

### Western Australia

Asians and Friends (SPECTRUM) is a social and support group for gay and bisexual men of diverse cultural backgrounds. (Asians, Ethnic Groups and their Friends).

[www.geocities.com/asiansandfriends](http://www.geocities.com/asiansandfriends)

### Victoria

#### Anbar

A social and support network for LGBTIQ people of Melbourne who trace their roots to South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Burma, and the settler communities in Fiji, Singapore and Malaysia).

Email [anbarmelbourne@yahoo.com.au](mailto:anbarmelbourne@yahoo.com.au)

#### Gay Asian Proud

A social, support and educational workshop for gay men of diverse Asian backgrounds in Victoria.

Email [gap@vic aids.asn.au](mailto:gap@vic aids.asn.au)

#### Khandaan

(Indian, Pakistani, Anglo-Indian, Nepalese) Rajas & Ranis – Victoria.

Email [khandaan@hotmail.com](mailto:khandaan@hotmail.com)

#### Yellow Kitties

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

[www.yellowkitties.org](http://www.yellowkitties.org)

Email [peggy@yellowkitties.org](mailto:peggy@yellowkitties.org)

## GREEK Social Support networks

Provides information and support to Greek LGBTI people in Australia

[www.greekandgay.com](http://www.greekandgay.com)

Email [info@greekandgay.com](mailto:info@greekandgay.com)

Contact support and social groups for:

#### Greek Gay men in Sydney

Email [greekgayguys@hotmail.com](mailto:greekgayguys@hotmail.com)

#### Greek Lesbians in Sydney

Email [greekgaygirls@hotmail.com](mailto:greekgaygirls@hotmail.com)

#### Greek Gay men in Melbourne

Email [info@greekandgay.com](mailto:info@greekandgay.com)

#### Greek Lesbians in Melbourne

Email [girls@greekandgay.com](mailto:girls@greekandgay.com)

#### Gay and Lesbians Adelaide

Email [hellenic\\_rainbow@hotmail.com](mailto:hellenic_rainbow@hotmail.com)

## Italian Support and Social Groups

### NSW and Victoria

**Arcilesbica** for lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex & queer women. Social Support groups operate in Sydney and Melbourne.  
Email [arciles\\_au@hotmail.com](mailto:arciles_au@hotmail.com)

### Victoria

**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](mailto:i_ragazzi13@hotmail.com)

## Jewish LGBT Support Groups and Websites

#### 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.

[www.orthodykes.org](http://www.orthodykes.org)

Email [orthodykes@starways.net](mailto:orthodykes@starways.net)

#### Resources for Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews

This website provides information on sexuality and religion, 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

<http://members.aol.com/orthogays/>

Email [GLYDSA@hotmail.com](mailto:GLYDSA@hotmail.com)

**The world Congress for GLBT Jewish:** this website offers resources and links to world wide LGBT Jewish groups.

[www.glbtejews.org](http://www.glbtejews.org)

Email [info@glbtjews.org](mailto:info@glbtjews.org)

**Ahavat Olam** website: sources on Judaism and sexual orientation.

[www.metatronics.net/spirit/ahavatolam.htm](http://www.metatronics.net/spirit/ahavatolam.htm)

### New South Wales

**Dayenu** for gays & lesbians and their partners, friends and family

[www.dayenu.org.au](http://www.dayenu.org.au)

Email [info@dayenu.org.au](mailto:info@dayenu.org.au)

### Victoria

**Aleph Melbourne** gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, "not quite straight", same-sex attracted men and men questioning their sexuality. This group also provides support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Jewish youth, aged 16-29.

[www.aleph.org.au](http://www.aleph.org.au)

Email [contact@aleph.org.au](mailto:contact@aleph.org.au)

**Jewish Lesbian Group of Victoria:** lesbian, bisexual, transgender women and women questioning their sexuality.

Email [jlgvic@hotmail.com](mailto:jlgvic@hotmail.com)