

# **LGBT People from a CALD Background – online survey**

## **What are the three most important issues for LGBT people from a culturally diverse background?**

- Acceptance
- Cultural conflict
- No different from other migrant groups.
- Having resources and services to go to
- Language barriers
- Capacity to develop a support network
- Isolation and feeling the need to be secretive
- Knowing how and where to go to speak to someone about issues
- Isolation
- Options for lifestyle
- Lack of support
- Are there and social groups?
- Information and access to it

## **What should services do to be more responsive to the needs of LGBT people from a culturally diverse background?**

- Depends what the background is.
- Because we are culturally diverse there is no blanket fix-it-all solution it must be on a case by case basis.
- Allow reading material to be translated, and possibly someone who can speak their own language.
- Training in LGBT matters including the obvious emphasis on cultural diversity, resourcing, in service interagency visits from/with the LGBT community. Agency appropriateness as in posters etc.

## **How can LGBT people from culturally diverse groups be informed about services available to them?**

- Targeted websites
- Through SBS tv or Radio, community radio, GLBT magazines and flyers in public access places.
- Distributing on websites, in clubs and bars, at schools and universities
- Through media avenues, brochures, flyers, word of mouth, through LGBT networks, Police, Multilink, ACCESS, Neighbourhood Centres, hospital / other noticeboards, libraries, schools and so on.

## **How can the health of overseas students, migrants and refugees be improved?**

- Tackle the beliefs and dogmas that run counter to the notion of sexual health and social well being head-on.
- Provide information and services through their educational institution. Information being posted at/around education campuses. Information sessions at Orientation from different organisations available.
- By informing them of the available options in health services ,but as such access is determined by the visa type it makes this difficult
- Exposure to readable material and readability available.

### **How can the education of overseas students, migrants and refugees be improved?**

- Access and support networks
- By encouraging volunteers to help in such programmes in public libraries etc.
- Universities and education facilities and sexual health organisations display more resources to look at.

### **How can the employment of overseas students, migrants and refugees be improved?**

- By educating the Australian public that migrants are not aliens nor are they trying to change the country (Although this will happen anyway). Many Australians need to be reminded that they are all from somewhere else...yes even the so called indigenous whose ancestors may have come here a long time ago but come they did from another place!
- Having them being more familiar with social systems and language.

### **How can multiculturalism and cultural diversity be better promoted in the general community?**

- Against the backdrop of a racist Australia (courtesy of the Howard years), already hamstrung by institutional homophobia, we need to plan and implement a campaign that addresses community, need, place in society and sexual health.
- By constant exposure to the positive aspects of multiculturalism, food, music, culture arts, sports and so on.
- Don't segregate groups

### **How can multiculturalism and cultural diversity be better promoted in the LGBT community?**

- As above - the gay "community" - if it truly exists - is often its own worst enemy.
- This is perhaps the most difficult question as the only thing GLBT have in common is a sexual preference. This can often lead to racial/sexual stereotyping either negative or positive.

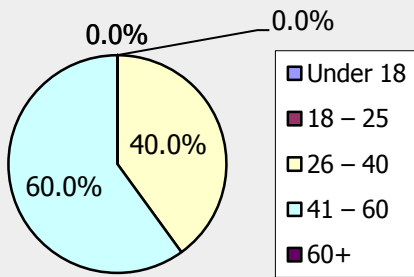
### **What does multiculturalism mean to you?**

- An ability on a societal level to recognise, value and accept ethnic differences through respectful references and equitable provision of opportunities. On a personal level it's about open-handed acceptance and the ability to engage supported by the capacity to understand.
- It is the only way for the future of this continent.
- All coming together with no problems
- A wonderfully rich diverse community, new insights, friendships, food, cultural exposure, joy, colour, art, music, relationships, ideas etc. etc. Trauma and torture survivors, healing, adjustment, pain, new life.

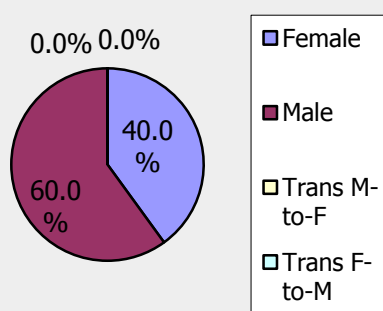
### **Please add anything else you'd like to say?**

- I think the forum would be well structured around what are the issues and how do we as a community solve them.
- I have been in a 'multicultural' relationship for 15 yrs and although there have been difficulties none of them have been due to cultural , religious, or race.
- Not enough time to really attend to each question, sorry.

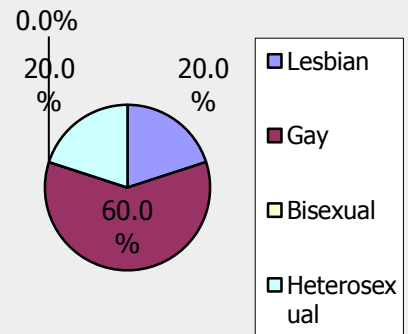
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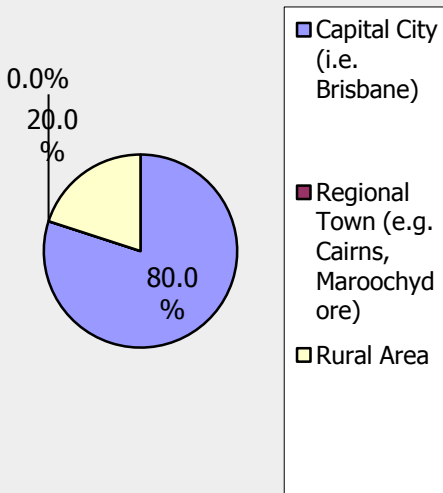
### What is your gender?



### What is your sexual orientation?



### Where do you live?



### What is your country of birth?

Australia x 3  
Indonesia x 2

### Which ethnic or cultural group/s do you identify with?

Australian !!!!  
Asian, Gay  
Asian  
Aboriginal/indian/european  
Australian