



Diversity ACT

Servicing the needs of the LGBTIAQ+ community in the ACT region

Spring 2023 Newsletter



From the Vice President

Hello Diversity ACT Community,

Spring has definitely sprung at the Diversity Hub! The days have been very warm and sunny, flowers and bulbs are starting to bloom and the days getting longer. The Management Committee has been busy cleaning and tidying up in preparation for our Open Day on Saturday 18th November.

This edition of the Diversity Digest contains information about many upcoming events, as well as volunteering

opportunities, and an update from Queer Youth Together about their program for the next month.

I hope you enjoy our latest newsletter!

Warmest regards,

Liz Stephens

Committee Update

Many thanks to our volunteer Management Committee who continue to support Diversity ACT by providing governance and planning. There's now only 2 months until the 2023 AGM!



Since the last newsletter, we have farewelled Shay-Leigh Willis and Megan Arthur from the Management Committee, and welcomed Eve. Eve has taken on the role of Minutes Secretary. Welcome aboard Eve, and thank you for donating your time to our organisation.

We are urgently seeking a person to take on the Treasurer positions. If you are someone who enjoys ensuring that finances are under control, we would

love to hear from you. There is some training and other support available to new office holders.

Please don't hesitate to contact Liz via email at president@diversityact.org.au to express your interest in the Treasurer role.

Queer Youth Together



Hub.4pm -7pm.

LGBTIAQ+ young people aged 12-24 (and their allied friends) are welcome to join us at QyouT at 2pm on Saturday afternoons during term time. We are generally at the Hub, but best to contact us to double check - email us at youth@diversityact.org.au or call Aster (QyouT young adult convenor) on [0466 986993](tel:0466986993).

QyouT resumes this weekend! There's an exciting schedule for the new few weeks, and the young people will be developing the program for the rest of the year at the start of November.

Sat 30th September-2-4pm Drop in and help repaint the rainbow logs outside in the car park.

Sat 7th October-Floriade Hangout -meet 1pm near the Ferris wheel.

Sat 14th October-2-4pm Hub Drop in, clean the old Mural at the hub and discuss plans to create another mural using pieces from the old one.

Sat 21st October-Work on the Mural.

Sat 28th October- Halloween Party at the

Southside Women

Upcoming event for Southside Women:

Saturday October 7th -Lunch and walk at [Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve](#). Meet 12pm



in the car park near the visitors' centre. We'll find a spot for lunch and then head off for a casual walk along the boardwalk.

Bring a packed lunch, water, sunscreen and hat. RSVP 6th October to Liz [0422 144 441](tel:0422144441).

For more details text Liz on [0422 144 441](tel:0422144441) or go to our FB page.

Subcommittee Updates

Property Management

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer with the gardening group please contact Liz at info@diversityact.org.au - we are urgently seeking volunteers to assist with gardening and mowing.

Communication

It's time to update some of our videos - are there any members who would like to participate? There's always ongoing creative work for flyers and artwork for upcoming events, member updates, the newsletter and our social media accounts. Training is available for interested volunteers.

A fourth member of the Communications team would be most welcome. That would allow for the website management to be added to the rotation, and everyone would still get one week off in four. If you would like to volunteer from home, have an hour a week available in your calendar, and have Internet access, the Communications subcommittee would welcome your input.

Events & Outreach

Perhaps you have some ideas about possible events for the start of 2024, or could help out at Diversity ACT events or information stalls? Get in touch with Liz (Events and Outreach Subcommittee Chair) via info@diversityact.org.au

There are links to upcoming events for you to add to your calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.

Education & Training

Recently, Diversity ACT was thrilled to have the opportunity to work with a Year Seven cohort at an ACT school. We worked with the teachers and students in one of their Social and Emotional Learning lessons, exploring the



LGBTIQA+ acronym, and the differences between gender, sex, and sexuality.

A reminder that Diversity ACT has some grant funding that can be allocated to education and training for members. To apply for support, please email education@diversityact.org.au with a description of the course that you are interested in, and a rationale to support your application.

Projects

Can you make your forms more inclusive?

- Step 1:** Review your forms.
- Step 2:** Remove unnecessary fields and update options.
- Step 3:** We all celebrate!

#InclusiveForms
#CheckboxForMe #QueerIsAnOption
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Inclusive Forms

The Inclusive Forms campaign is ongoing. Several of our members have used [the resources on our webpage](#) when in discussions with employers, businesses and community groups about how they they are challenged by forms that don't reflect the spectrum of sex and gender.

Upcoming events



Spring Mingle - 30 September 2023 - 1.30pm

Spring Mingle and members meet and greet at the Diversity Hub. As well as chatting and sharing some afternoon tea, we will be doing some tidying up and weeding.

Afternoon tea supplied including cold drinks.

You can pop in anytime between 1.30-4pm. Bring a hat - sunscreen & water

supplied.

Working Bee- 14 October 2023



- 2pm

We will be working in the garden and making some signage for the Open Day.

Afternoon tea supplied including cold drinks.

You can pop in anytime between 2-4pm. Bring a hat - sunscreen & water supplied.

Afternoon tea supplied including cold drinks.



Spring Mingle II - 28 October 2023 - 1.30pm

Our last chance to prepare the grounds before our Open Day. Completion of garden tasks, signage, painting of garden furniture etc.

Afternoon tea supplied including cold drinks.

You can pop in anytime between 1.30-3.30pm. Bring a hat - sunscreen & water supplied.



SouthFest in the Laneways - 11 November

SouthFest are putting on their annual Tuggeranong Community Day from 10am-3pm, in the laneway opposite Southpoint shopping Centre. Volunteers are needed to assist

at Diversity ACT information stall, including setting up from 9am. Please email president@diversityact.org.au if you can assist.



Diversity ACT Open Day - 18 November

The theme of this year's Open Day is Wellbeing. There will be art, market stalls and music at this family friendly event. Volunteers needed.

Keep on eye on the discussion on the facebook page and the November members' update for more news closer to the date.

A SouthFest and SpringOut event.

Fundraising opportunities



GiveOUT Day -19 October 2023

GiveOUT day is an opportunity for rainbow groups to raise money for their projects. We need to improve and maintain the Diversity Hub for our various groups such as our rainbow youth, women and families who use the facilities each week.

You can start donating now, or make your donation on GiveOUT Day. Donations to LGBTIQ+ organisations on GiveOUT Day are doubled. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Canberra Southern Cross Club Community Rewards Program

If you are a member of the Canberra Southern Cross Club, don't forget to nominate Diversity ACT and link us to your membership. The Club will calculate the equivalent of 7.5 cents for every dollar you spend on food and beverages at Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison and Yacht Club to be donated to us.



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