

Rural GLBTIQ Health and Wellbeing Forum

Friday 16 November 2012



OUTintheOPEN, Shepparton's newest Festival celebrating community diversity, is hosting a rural GLBTIQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer) health and wellbeing forum in Shepparton. Designed to bring together members of the community, service providers, health practitioners, primary health care providers and others who have an interest in GLBTIQ health and wellbeing, the forum aims to provide professional development opportunities and allow for the sharing of networks, information and ideas culminating in a showcase of current activities and initiatives in rural and regional Victoria. A particular focus of the Forum will be "inclusive practice" – how best to cater to the needs of those who are SSASGD (same sex attracted and sex and gender diverse).

SSASGD people in rural areas have different needs to those in metropolitan areas facing higher levels of discrimination from homophobic attitudes, isolation, limited clinical health services and limited support systems. SSASGD people are not only those who identify as GLBTIQ, they include a much broader cross-section of the community that can sometimes remain 'invisible' if services are not committed to "inclusive practice". Researchers and workers practicing in the sector will present key information in identified areas of concern for the GLBTIQ communities & SSASGD people living in country Victoria including:

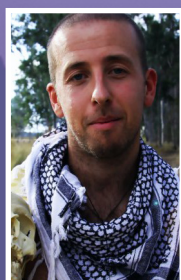
- Youth
- Sexual Health
- Community Safety
- Inclusive Practice
- Legal recognition/responsibilities
- Mental Health
- Same sex parented families
- Homophobia, biphobia & transphobia
- Disability
- Ageing

Date:
16th November, 2012
Time:
9:30am – 4:30pm
(registrations open 9:00am)

Location:
Goulburn Valley Hotel
Function Rooms
(at rear)
223 High Street,
Shepparton



Rodney Croome



Daniel Witthaus



Shelley Argent

Keynote speakers:

Rodney Croome will be known to many Australians as a spokesperson for the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group. In that capacity he fronted the long, bitter and ultimately successful campaign to decriminalise homosexuality in Tasmania. As a researcher and legal advisor, Rodney has played a pivotal role in several ground-breaking Tasmanian anti-discrimination cases on issues such as transgender vilification and gay blood donation. Rodney grew up on a dairy farm on Tasmania's North West Coast. www.rodneycroome.id.au

Daniel Witthaus is a challenging homophobia educator, author and education activist, born and raised in the Bronx of Geelong. Gay rights advocate, Daniel, is an extraordinary man with an extraordinary mission to eliminate homophobia in Australia. This passionate Victorian embarked on an incredible 38 week journey in 2010, all around rural Australia, taking his anti-homophobia training, called Beyond That's So Gay', to schools, organizations and individuals. www.thatssogay.com.au

Presenters

A full list of Forum presenters & concurrent sessions can be found at: www.outintheopen.org.au – click on 'Forum Day'.

Information stalls & resources will be on display and available throughout the day.

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Shelley Argent is the National Spokesperson for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in Australia and is one of the most successful and effective educationalists, advocates and lobbyists for the human rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

<http://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/resources-multimedia/video>

Accessibility: Auslan interpreters/hearing loop, wheelchair access, Braille, audio and large print options can be catered for upon request.

All Forum attendees will receive a DVD/showbag containing Forum presentations, resources & more.

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Registration Form

(please complete details below and return with payment to PO Box 1697 Shepparton 3632 – we will issue tax invoice/receipt)

Surname				Given Name/s		
Organisation				Job/Role		
Email Address						
Postal Address						
Town		State		Postcode		
Phone (BH)				Mobile		
Special Dietary Requirements						

Type of registration

(inc. morning/afternoon tea/lunch)

(please circle)

Single Registration (one attendee from your organisation)	\$66
Group Registration - 3 for price of 2 (three attendees from <u>your</u> organisation)	\$132
Concession/Student Registration (presentation of concession/student card reqd.)	\$33
Scholarship Registration - see below	FREE
Dinner/Film Screening - optional (3 course meal + "The Doctor's Wife") - see flyer	\$40

We have secured limited, shared accommodation in Shepparton – please advise (& include payment or note in your scholarship application) if you would like:



motel room (\$100/night)

THU / FRI / SAT (please circle)



private billeting (free)

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* NOTE: You must submit a separate registration form for each attendee - we would appreciate forms from the same organisation being submitted together with one payment

Payment Details

Please remit cheque payment to: "UnitingCare Cutting Edge", PO Box 1697, Shepparton 3632 OR

Account Details for EFT Transfer: NAB Shepparton **BSB: 083 894 Acc: 141860004 Reference: OIToForumYourName**

Scholarship

To apply for a scholarship through the OUTintheOPEN committee, please attach a paragraph (no more than 300 words) detailing what attending the Forum will mean to you and how it will benefit you and your communities.

Please note the OUTintheOPEN committee will contact you within 2 weeks of receiving your scholarship application to advise whether you have been accepted.

All Forum attendees will receive a 'Certificate of Attendance' as per 'surname/given name(s)' entered above.

Questions/concerns? Please contact enquiries@outintheopen.org.au or phone Damien on 0437 134 625.