

IDAHOT 2015 – Activities and Events across NSW

Organisation	Event/ Activity Name	Description	Location
Charles Sturt University's Queer Collective	Queer Collective Campus promotion	Stall and Photo booth promoting IDAHO	Bathurst
Southern Women's Group Inc, Women's Resource Centre	Art workshop	Creative art workshop to addressing homophobia and transphobia	Bega
BUDDI Community Drug Action Team	Forum	Community Forum using guest speakers addressing homophobic and transphobic bullying on-line	(Byron Bay)
Rainbow Alliance and with Headspace Dubbo	Connected Communities Project	A Prom night for young people under the theme of Famous Gays and Lesbians of History	Dubbo
Clarence Valley LGBTIQ Interagency, CRANES	Stall at a Shopping Centre	Increase visibility through messages of support and a colourful lolly bar stall at a local Shopping centre	Grafton
Headspace and Queer-Straight Alliance (Nowra)	Screen Printing clothes with IDAHO logo	Screen Printing clothes with IDAHO logo and used at a stall at Schools promoting the Queer Straight alliance	Nowra
The Open Door Community of Christ	Picnic in the park	Event with Live entertainment, art and a BBQ under the banner of Shine a light on Homophobia Transphobia	Penrith
Headspace LGBTI group (Tamworth)	Art Competition	Art competition Taking action for LGBTI youth	Tamworth
Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre	Rainbow Tea Party	Afternoon for Young people centred around inclusivity and innovative posters for display	Thirroul
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)	Jump 'n' Putt	Inclusive afternoon for Young people at the Jump n Put (trampoline & Putt Putt Putt Golf venue	Wagga Wagga

Charles Sturt University's Queer Collective (Bathurst) will create a vibrant on campus environment targeting university students. The event includes a bake sale, live entertainment, photo booth, and LGBTIQ resources. It will display posters around campus to promote awareness of homophobia and transphobia as well as promote services for young people and their allies. This will include promoting the Queer Collective campus group.

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Southern Women's Group Inc, Women's Resource Centre (Bega) will run an art workshop for the LGBTIQ community, their friends and allies which aims to increase community connectedness, participation and overall well-being. The group will explore issues associated with homophobia in a small rural town and produce original postcards with a clear message celebrating sexual and gender diversity whilst increasing knowledge and awareness of IDAHOT. The postcards will be displayed as a part of the PLETHORA OF POSTCARDS exhibition at the local Spiral Gallery in May.

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BUDDI Community Drug Action Team (Byron Bay) will run a free public forum including panellists and guest speakers about on-line bullying, social media safety, workplace/school social media policies, mental health, sexual health, and local LGBTI and youth services. It's aimed at assisting people to address on-line bullying, how to stay safe on social media, support options and where to go for help for those experiencing bullying or violence. The forum is for young people 12-24 but will include young people's parents, youth workers, community workers and the broader LGBTI community.

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Connected Communities Project, Rainbow Alliance partnering with Headspace Dubbo. This project aims to reduce suicide in rural communities and promote social inclusion for the Dubbo community and surrounding areas. In consultation with young people, the local LGBTIQ community and services an IDAHOT Prom will be held. The LGBTI famous people theme will create awareness of famous LGBTI people and allow people to dress in non-traditional gender attire. The Prom will provide a safe and inclusive environment for the LGBTIQ community and their allies to express themselves without fear of discrimination or prejudice whilst raise awareness about homophobia, transphobia and biphobia.

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Clarence Valley LGBTIQ Interagency, CRANES (Grafton) aims to increase LGBTIQ visibility and encourage inclusivity by running a stall in the local shopping centre staffed by young people with local services and teachers' support. Young people, their families, friends and allies will be invited to write messages or create pictures of support and inclusivity on a large white blank rainbow using brightly coloured paper. The colourful rainbow created will be displayed in the shopping centre during May and used at events throughout the year. A rainbow lolly bar will encourage participation adding to the festive and celebratory event to recognise and celebrate youth. This collaboration is between young people, the High School Students Alliance and teaching staff.

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Headspace and Queer-Straight Alliance (NQSA) (Nowra) will print T-shirts and hoodies designed by NQSA members and co-branded with the NQSA logo and "International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Nowra 2015". These will be worn at a stall within a local High School to promote LGBTIQ information, awareness and visibility aimed at reducing isolation and engaging with young people in a non-threatening way. Free giveaways (merchandise, information, food), signage on the stall and shirts, announcements at school assemblies and in newsletters, and local and social media promotion will encourage student engagement. A stall may be held in the community as well as a 'workshop' encouraging NQSA members, friends and family to customize the event shirts.

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The Open Door Community of Christ (Penrith) will host a Picnic in Penrith for members of Western Sydney's LGBTIQ community and the general public featuring live entertainment from a variety of local artists, cricket, croquet, a free sausage sizzle and other activities. The event theme, 'Shine a Light on Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia in Western Sydney', focuses on young people and youth services to help raise the profile of LGBTIQ people in the area, share support options available, address social isolation and provide a space for community groups and services to meet. Local press announcements, engaging local community groups and services, advertising in LGBTI media press and flyers in local libraries and community centres will be used to promote the event.

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Headspace LGBTI group (Tamworth) will run an art competition as a forum for young people 12-25 in the local community. An event with the theme, 'Taking Action for LGBTI youth' addressing homophobia and transphobia will be hosted to display the art and announce the winners. Young people will be encouraged to show their passion and creativity through their art. This project aims to engage with as many local young people as possible to produce art works celebrating sexuality and gender diversity. It will also engage the broader community to start a conversation around how to end homophobia and transphobia in Tamworth.

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Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre, Northern Illawarra Youth Project (Thirroul) will host a Rainbow Tea Party for young people 11-18 and their friends and allies promoting LGBTIQ equality and acceptance whilst addressing discrimination and homophobia . Young people will produce creative and innovative posters for display at the youth centre which discourage discrimination and promoting equality. This process will involve discussing experiences of LGBTI people and communities, how prejudice exists in overt and subtle forms and what young people can do to prevent it.

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) (Wagga Wagga) are planning a fun afternoon at Jump 'n' Putt including trampolining, putt putt golf, karaoke, table tennis, pool, board games and puzzles targeting young members of PFLAG Wagga Wagga. Everyone is welcome regardless of sexual orientation to this fun filled, discrimination free and safe environment. All Schools in the Wagga Wagga area and a teacher from each school will be engaged to support and promote the event to young people in years 5 to Year 8 (10-14 years) and their parents/families. 'Show Bags' will be given out containing information about local organisations that support young people with their sexuality. A Bunnings BBQ for the local PFLAG organisation will also be run using the IDAHOT theme.

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