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**Diversity Days 2023-2024 Grants Application Guide**

**‘Celebrating LGBTQ+ Diversity’**

NSW is home to thriving and diverse LGBTQ+ communities. We are the sum of resilient First Nations communities, diverse cultural and religious communities, and people of all ages and abilities. We are stronger as a community when we embrace and celebrate our own diversity.

Recent studies confirm LGBTQ+ people continue to experience prejudice that causes harm especially for people experiencing multiple forms prejudice and people living in Greater Western Sydney and regional areas.[[1]](#footnote-1)[[2]](#footnote-2)[[3]](#footnote-3)

LGBTQ+ groups and individuals are invited to apply for a small grant of up to $1,000 to host local LGBTQ+ inclusive activities to celebrate Pride Month that increase awareness and celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity in priority settings in NSW.

**Objectives of small grants:**

* Increase visibility and celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity in priority settings in NSW
* Foster social connection and friendship by supporting activities that bring people together
* Foster local leadership by supporting development of community led activities
* Foster collaboration between LGBTQ+ communities, service providers and Councils

**Priority given to:**

* Activities that are led by and engage LGBTQ+ First Nations communities, multicultural and multifaith communities, people with disabilities, younger and older LGBTQ+ people
* Activities that engage mainstream/LGBTQ+ communities to increase awareness of LGBTQ+ diversity
* Activities held in priority settings of Greater Western Sydney and Regional NSW
* New applications from LGBTQ+ groups without regular sources of funding

**Example activities:**

* Activities that increase awareness of diversity such as cultural or religious ceremonies or celebrations
* Activities that foster social connection such as community events, arts, and recreation activities
* Informative activities that explore LGBTQ+ diversity such as panel events or awareness campaigns
* Activities that increase LGBTQ+ visibility such as a Council flag raising events or community stalls

**Eligibility criteria:**

* Grant related activity must be organised and based within NSW and completed by 30 June 2023
* Prior grant recipients who didn’t complete the evaluation form are not eligible to apply
* Please provide your ABN, if you don’t have an ABN, please fill out the ‘[No ABN Statement’](https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/Statement%20by%20a%20supplier.pdf) form

**Timeline:**

* Applications close 6pm May 31st 2023
* Successful applicants notified in the week of 10th June 2023
* Events must be held by June 30th 2024 at the latest.
* Evaluation must be completed and sent to ACON within two weeks of your event (We will send you an evaluation survey link that you are to complete)

**Contact:**

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1. <https://www.acon.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/GWS-LGBTQ-Research-Report-LR_FINAL.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [Writing Themselves In 4, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University](https://www.latrobe.edu.au/arcshs/publications/writing-themselves-in-publications/writing-themselves-in-4) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1185885/Private-Lives-3.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)