

# HERE FOR NEW ENGLAND



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## LOCAL LGBTIQ+ SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUPS

### Tamworth Pride Social Group

[facebook.com/groups/1608766449433915/](https://facebook.com/groups/1608766449433915/)

Tamworth Pride is a volunteer organisation seeking to support LGBTIQ+ people of any age who feel isolated. This is an inclusive group for social events around Tamworth

### Gender Diversity Support Group Northern Area

[warrahcreek@hotmail.com](mailto:warrahcreek@hotmail.com) (Dianne Harris)  
[facebook.com/groups/2300358556856356/0429030854](https://facebook.com/groups/2300358556856356/0429030854)

For friendship and understanding

### LGBTQIA North West and New England

[facebook.com/groups/944630835919428/about/](https://facebook.com/groups/944630835919428/about/)

Social group based in Armidale. Trying to get some things happening for the LGBTQIA community in Armidale and surrounds. Suggestions, memes, questions and networking welcome

### NSW Regional Rainbow Gals

[facebook.com/groups/819572371760233](https://facebook.com/groups/819572371760233)

Online community group  
This is a group for female identified queer gals located outside Sydney. However you identify - lesbian, bi, queer, trans, intersex, questioning - it's all good! If it takes you more than 90 mins or so on buses or trains to attend a Sydney event that counts as regional to me! Let's form an online community to end isolation!

### Parents of LGBTQI Children - Tamworth Support Group

[facebook.com/groups/172692700953232/allwell\\_5@outlook.com](https://facebook.com/groups/172692700953232/allwell_5@outlook.com) (Leoni)

A parent support group for those with children on the LGBTQI journey. To network and connect with others on the same or similar journey. To educate and share experiences. To have the opportunity to meet

### Parents of Trans Kids

02 90560838 (Lisa)  
[peersupport@gendercentre.org.au](mailto:peersupport@gendercentre.org.au)  
Online support and Facebook group available for parents and carers of trans kids

### Refracted

[refractedtamworth@gmail.com](mailto:refractedtamworth@gmail.com)  
Tamworth LGBTQIA+ youth support group for 16-30 year olds

## LOCAL HIV AND SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

### Sexual Health Clinic 468

468 Peel St, Tamworth 2430  
02 6764 8080  
[hnesexualhealth.org.au/tamworth](http://hnesexualhealth.org.au/tamworth)

Services: Testing and treatment, information and advice, HIV treatment, care and support, counselling on sexual health and HIV related issues, hepatitis A & B vaccination, free condoms and lubricant, PrEP & PEP

### Local Needle & Syringe Program (NSP)

[health.nsw.gov.au/hepatitis/pages/nsp-outlets.aspx](http://health.nsw.gov.au/hepatitis/pages/nsp-outlets.aspx)

Details of local NSPs in NSW where you can access sterile injecting equipment, advice, information & referral

## ACON Hunter

1800 063 060 | 02 4962 7700 | [HunterOutreach@acon.org.au](mailto:HunterOutreach@acon.org.au)  
[f /ACONHunter](https://facebook.com/ACONHunter)

We're here for community health, inclusion and HIV responses for people of diverse sexualities and genders, in the Hunter, New England, Central Coast and Western NSW regions.



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## STATEWIDE & NATIONAL SERVICES

### CRISIS SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

#### TRIPLE ZERO 000 Emergency Services - Ambulance, Fire, Police (National)

000 | [triplezero.gov.au](https://triplezero.gov.au)

Call triple zero (000) to contact Ambulance, Fire or Police in life threatening or emergency situations.

#### Lifeline (National)

13 11 44 | [lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au)

Lifeline provides all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services.

#### Suicide Call Back Service (National)

1300 659 467 | [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](https://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

Suicide Call Back Service is a FREE 24/7 crisis service for people at risk of suicide or concerned by someone at risk or bereaved by suicide.

#### Mental Health Line (NSW)

1800 011 511 | [health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth](https://health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth)

The Mental Health Line is staffed by mental health professionals, is available to everyone in NSW and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### National Indigenous Postvention Service - Thirili

1800 805 801 | [thirili.com.au](https://thirili.com.au)

The Indigenous Suicide Postvention Services supports individuals, families, and communities affected by suicide or other significant trauma. A Postvention Advocate can be contacted 24/7.

#### QLife (National)

1800 184 527 | [qlife.org.au](https://qlife.org.au)

Anonymous LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral service. Phone or webchat counselling available every day from 3pm – midnight.

#### 13Yarn (National)

13YARN (13 92 76) | [13yarn.org.au](https://13yarn.org.au)

13YARN is a free 24/7 service providing a confidential and culturally safe space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns during crisis.

#### Brother to Brother (National)

1800 435 799 | [dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother](https://dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother)

The Brother to Brother crisis line operates 24/7 and provides phone support for Aboriginal men who need someone to talk to about relationship issues, family violence, parenting, drug and alcohol issues or who are struggling to cope for other reasons.

#### HERE (NSW)

[here.org.au](https://here.org.au)

ACON's digital suicide prevention hub, connecting the LGBTIQ+ community, their loved ones, and service providers to care, support, and resources.

#### Beyond Blue (National)

1300 22 4636 | [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

Beyond Blue is a FREE 24/7 mainstream suicide and mental health service staffed with trained counsellors.

#### Butterfly (National)

1800 33 4673 | [butterfly.org.au](https://butterfly.org.au) | [support@butterfly.org.au](mailto:support@butterfly.org.au)

Butterfly offers free and confidential support for anyone concerned about eating disorders or body image issues. They have specialist counsellors who offer non-judgmental support over the phone, by email and by online chat. Open from 8am – midnight (AEST/AEDT), 7 days.

#### SANE (National)

1800 187 263 | [sane.org](https://sane.org)

SANE is the leading national mental health organisation for people with complex mental health issues in Australia and for the families and friends that support them. Counsellors are available via phone, web chat or email from 10am to 10pm Monday to Friday AEST/AEDT.

#### StandBy (National)

1300 727 247 | [standbysupport](https://standbysupport.org)

StandBy is Australia's leading suicide postvention program dedicated to assisting people and communities bereaved or impacted by suicide. StandBy is accessible 24/7, providing free face-to-face and/or telephone support.

#### Discharged

[discharged.asn.au/calendar](https://discharged.asn.au/calendar)

DISCHARGED are a lived experience organisation that specialises in peer support groups for people with personal experience of suicidal thoughts or feelings. They run a regular group for Trans and Gender Diverse people.

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES

#### BlaQ (NSW)

[blaq.org.au](https://blaq.org.au) | [facebook.com/blaqmobs](https://facebook.com/blaqmobs)

BlaQ is the peak organisation for Aboriginal Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + Sistergirl and Brotherboy (LGBTQIA+SB) Peoples and Communities in NSW.

#### Black Rainbow (National)

[blackrainbow.org.au](https://blackrainbow.org.au) | [facebook.com/BlackRainbowAustralia](https://facebook.com/BlackRainbowAustralia)

Black Rainbow is a national volunteer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Asexual, Sistergirl & Brotherboy social enterprise to pursue positive health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+SB community.



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### HIV, HEPATITIS & SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

#### Ending HIV (NSW)

[endinghiv.org.au](http://endinghiv.org.au)

ACON's Ending HIV initiative focuses on educating, informing and supporting gay, bisexual and queer men, and other men who have sex with men to reduce HIV transmissions in NSW.

#### NSW Sexual Health Info Link

1800 451 624 | [shil.nsw.gov.au](http://shil.nsw.gov.au)

Anonymous & nonjudgmental information and referral service, specialising in HIV, STI's and sexual health risk assessment, testing, treatment and support.

#### Positive Life NSW

(02) 8357 8386 | 1800 245 677 | [positivelife.org.au](http://positivelife.org.au)

Information, support, referral, and advocacy for people living with HIV in NSW.

#### The Institute of Many - TIM (National)

[theinstituteofmany.org](http://theinstituteofmany.org) | [facebook.com/theinstituteofmany](https://facebook.com/theinstituteofmany)

Grassroots movement of people living with HIV (PLHIV) who run Australia's largest online community for PLHIV

#### Hepatitis NSW

[hep.org.au](http://hep.org.au)

Hepatitis NSW provide information, support, referral and advocacy for people affected by viral hepatitis in NSW.

#### Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (NSW)

(02) 283 8666 | 1800 651 010 | [bgf.org.au](http://bgf.org.au)

Counselling, housing, study, employment & financial support for people living with HIV

#### Emen8 (National)

[emen8.com.au](http://emen8.com.au)

Australia's biggest sexual health and wellbeing initiative for guys into guys (cis and trans)

#### Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service (NSW)

1800 108 098 | [mhahs.org.au](http://mhahs.org.au)

The Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service (MHAHS) works with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in NSW to improve health and well-being in relation to HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS SERVICES

#### Pivot Point (NSW)

[pivotpoint.org.au](http://pivotpoint.org.au)

ACON's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) webpage for community members and their loved ones.

#### Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) NSW

1800 250 015 | [yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au](http://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au)

The Alcohol & Drug Information Service (ADIS) is a free and confidential counselling helpline for NSW residents with concerns around alcohol and/or drug misuse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Web Chat is available from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm (including public holidays).

#### NUAA (NSW)

[nuaa.org.au](http://nuaa.org.au)

The NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) is a peer-based drug user organisation. NUAA strives to improve advocacy for, and services supporting, the diversity of people impacted by stigma and discrimination caused by the criminalisation of drug use across NSW.

#### NSW Local Intake Lines

[health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/contact-service.aspx](http://health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/contact-service.aspx)

Each NSW Health local health district has a local central intake telephone line to connect people with alcohol and other drug services in that region. Note that some local intake lines operate during business hours only.

#### SMART Recovery

[smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au](http://smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au)

A range of online meetings offer supportive environments to achieve behaviour change goals of your choice around alcohol & other drug use, or any behaviours of concern.

### TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE SERVICES

#### TransHub (NSW)

[transhub.org.au](http://transhub.org.au)

TransHub is ACON's digital information and resource platform for all trans and gender diverse people in NSW, their loved ones, allies and health providers.

#### The Gender Centre (NSW)

(02) 9519 7599 or (02) 9569 2366 | [gendercentre.org.au](http://gendercentre.org.au)

Services & support for the trans & gender diverse community. Accommodation, case management, education & training, counselling and more.

#### Trans Pride Australia - TPA (National)

[transprideaustralia.org.au](http://transprideaustralia.org.au) | [facebook.com/transprideaus](https://facebook.com/transprideaus)

Trans Pride Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that provides social support for trans and gender diverse people and their loved ones in Australia.

#### Transcend (National)

[transcend.org.au](http://transcend.org.au)

Transcend's purpose is to support, affirm and celebrate the lives of Trans, Gender Diverse, Non-Binary children and their families and carers.

### LEGAL SERVICES

#### NSW Police LGBTIQ Liaison Officers (formerly known as GLOs)

[tinyurl.com/NSWPolice-GLO](http://tinyurl.com/NSWPolice-GLO)

Contact officers for LGBTIQ+ people who are victims of crime. They also assist other police to respond to homophobic and transphobic incidents

#### Inner City Legal Centre (NSW)

1800 244 481 | [iclc.org.au](http://iclc.org.au)

Expert specialist legal advice for LGBTIQ+ people anywhere in NSW.



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### YOUTH SERVICES

#### Twenty10 (NSW)

(02) 8594 9555 (intake) | (02) 8594 9550 (admin) | [twenty10.org.au](http://twenty10.org.au)

Specialist support for young people of diverse genders, sexualities, intersex status, aged 12 – 25. They provide a broad range of specialised services including housing, mental health, counselling and social support.

#### Minus18 (National)

[facebook.com/minus18youth](https://facebook.com/minus18youth) | [minus18.org.au](http://minus18.org.au)

Minus18 is social & support organisation improving the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

#### Sex Worker Outreach Project (SWOP) (NSW)

(02) 9184 9466 | [swop.org.au](http://swop.org.au)

Run by and for sex workers for information, support, outreach, free worker packs, resources and referrals

#### Rainbow Cultures (NSW)

[rainbowcultures.org.au](http://rainbowcultures.org.au)

A Directory of LGBTQIA+ multicultural community groups and services in NSW.

#### AGMC (Australian GLBTQI Multicultural Council)

[agmc.org.au](http://agmc.org.au)

AGMC is a peak body for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer individuals, and community groups of multicultural and multifaith backgrounds.

#### Bi+ Australia

[biplusaustralia.org](http://biplusaustralia.org) | [facebook.com/biplusaustralia](https://facebook.com/biplusaustralia)

Bi+ Australia provides specialised counselling support for people who are attracted to more than one gender, or questioning their attraction or sexuality, and their families and loved ones. You can access this service from anywhere in Australia via online video call. There is a fee for this service.

#### LOVE Project (NSW)

[loveproject.org.au](http://loveproject.org.au)

LOVE Project - Living Older Visibly and Engaged is ACON's site for older community members. Online catchups happen regularly.

#### Kids Helpline (National)

1800 55 1800 | [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

#### ReachOut (National)

[au.reachout.com](http://au.reachout.com)

ReachOut provides a safe, online place for young people to chat anonymously, get support, and feel better.

#### Australian Asexuals

[australianasexuals.com](http://australianasexuals.com) | [facebook.com/austaces](https://facebook.com/austaces)

Australian Asexuals is a place to bring asexuals in Australia together and be a place to find out more about asexuality and help anyone in their journey.

#### Equality Australia

[equalityaustralia.org.au](http://equalityaustralia.org.au)

Equality Australia is a national LGBTQI+ organisation dedicated to achieving equality for LGBTQI+ people.

#### Intersex Human Rights Australia (IHRA)

[ihra.org.au](http://ihra.org.au) | [facebook.com/intersexau](https://facebook.com/intersexau)

IHRA is a national body by and for people with intersex variations. They promote the human rights, self-determination and bodily autonomy of intersex people in Australia

#### Intersex Peer Support Australia (IPSA)

[isupport.org.au](http://isupport.org.au)

IPSA is an intersex peer support, information and advocacy group for people born with variations in sex characteristics and their families.

#### Welcome Here (National)

[welcomehere.org.au](http://welcomehere.org.au)

Welcome Here is ACON's project to focus on supporting local business owners and services in Australia to create and promote environments that are visibly welcoming and inclusive of LGBTQ+ people.

### FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

#### Say It Out Loud (National)

[sayitoutloud.org.au](http://sayitoutloud.org.au)

ACON's Domestic Family Violence (DFV) and sexual assault website for LGBTQ+ people encouraging communities to have healthy relationships, get help for unhealthy relationships and support their friends.

#### Rainbow Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence Helpline (National)

1800 497 212 | [fullstop.org.au](http://fullstop.org.au)

Full Stop Australia aims to put a full stop to sexual, domestic, or family violence through support, education, and advocacy. They operate the FREE Rainbow Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence Helpline 24/7.

#### 1800 RESPECT

National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service  
1800respect.org.au | 1800 737 732

Confidential information, counselling and support service. Open 24 hours to support people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

#### SAMSN (NSW)

1800 472 676 | [samsn.org.au](http://samsn.org.au)

SAMSN provides FREE services to male survivors of child sexual assault, their families, and supporters. Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

