LGBTQI+ support

There are a range of supports available to LGBTQI+ students at the University, in the community and online. We've put this information sheet together to make it easy for you to connect locally and get support if you need it.

Support available to you at the University

Tasmania University Union (TUU)
The TUU has a range of services including advocacy, financial counselling and emergency support. There is also a queer representative that you can speak to. Benjamin Dudman is your 2019 student rep. If you attend campus at Sandy Bay there is also a dedicated LGBTQI space. The Queer Room is in the TUU Building (above Ref) where you can sit back, have a break, catch up on all the news and meet some new people. There is also a women's room. The rooms are provided by the SRC and are open Mon – Fri from 8:30am - 4pm.
Website: tuu.com.au

The Ally Network
Allies are people in the University who are informed about, sensitive toward, and understanding of people of diverse sexualities and gender identities and their issues. Allies can be approached if there are aspects of your experience at University as a sexually and gender diverse person that you need to discuss. Allies will be happy to listen, provide guidance and be a supportive point of contact. Allies are not counsellors or caseworkers. You can find a list of allies on the ally-network webpage, or by keeping an eye out for the rainbow triangle on office doors. Website: utas.edu.au/equity-diversity/ally-network

University Counselling Service
Free confidential support for those enrolled at the University. The service is staffed by experienced mental health clinicians, including registered psychologists and social workers, offering face to face as well as distance counselling (phone or online: including video, instant chat, and email counselling).
Website: utas.edu.au/counselling
For appointments phone: 1800 817 675 or visit: utas.edu.au/appointments
Safe and Fair Community Unit
Providing support and advice to University community members who believe they have experienced or witnessed behaviour that is not tolerated by, on is inconsistent with the expected behaviour set out by the University of Tasmania.
Website: utas.edu.au/safe
Phone: 6226 2560
Email: SaFCU@utas.edu.au

Helpful websites, services and groups

National
Q Life: A national service that aims to keep LGBTQI communities supported and connected.
Website: qlife.org.au
Phone: 1800 184 527 (3 pm – 12 am AEST)
Online chat (3 pm – 12 am AEST)

Out & Online (ages 18-25): An online program to improve wellbeing and reduce mental health symptoms in same-gender attracted youth aged 18-25 years.
Website: mentalhealthonline.org.au

Black Rainbow: Australia’s first and only National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Trans* and Intersex (LGBTQI) Suicide Prevention National Advocacy Platform and National Touchpoint. Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQI people who are homeless, leaving domestic violence relationships or the justice system. We are 100% indigenous owned and operated.
Website: blackrainbow.org.au

The Pinnacle Foundation: Provides scholarships and mentorship for young LGBT+ students (≤26 years) to give them a chance to achieve their full potential.
Website: thepinnaclefoundation.org

Intersex Human Rights Australia: promote human rights and bodily autonomy for intersex people, and provide information, education and peer support.
Website: ihra.org.au

Tasmania
Working It Out: Tasmania’s gender and sexuality support and education service provides direct support, including free and confidential counselling, support groups, education programs and workplace training.
Website: workingitout.org.au
WIO North or North West:
Phone: 0438 346 122
WIO South:
Phone: (03) 6231 1200

Switchboard: Anonymous, free telephone counselling, information and referrals for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex communities of Victoria and Tasmania.
Website: switchboard.org.au
3 pm–12 am, 7 days a week.
Phone: 1800 184 527
**Rainbow Tas:** an incorporated body of organisations dedicated to achieving and maintaining inclusion and equity for rainbow people in Tasmania. Website: Rainbowtas.org

**Tasmanian Government:** A list of government and non-government resources for LBGTQI Tasmanians. dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/information_and_resources/information_and_resources_for_lgtbi_tasmanians

**Taspride:** Dedicated to celebrating, uniting and promoting the Tasmanian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer community. Organises and is affiliated with various gatherings and functions for LGBTQI people living in Tasmania. Website: taspride.com

[facebook.com/TasPride](https://facebook.com/TasPride)

**Out For Drinks:** Hobartian LBGTQ-munity members are warmly invited to monthly after work drinks with fellow ‘fruits in suits’. Chatter, fine beverages and excellent company provided.

[facebook.com/OutForDrinks](https://facebook.com/OutForDrinks)

**A Twist of Lemons:** A monthly drinks event for wom*n. Good company guarantee! Everyone welcome. Last Friday of every month, 5pm onwards at Watermans, 27 Salamanca Place. Come on your own, come with a friend. Everyone welcome.

[facebook.com/ATwistOfLemons](https://facebook.com/ATwistOfLemons)

**Tasmanian Lesbian/Bi Social over twenty:** Launceston based Meetup group for 20+y.o. women identifying as lesbian or bisexual. This group is intended to be a supportive group with lots of laughter, where women attracted to other women can feel accepted and empowered by each other.

[Meetup](https://meetup.com/en-AU/Tasmanian-Lesbian-Bi-Meetup/)