

Gender Diversity

With the same-sex marriage debate resolved, the next flashpoint may be the phenomenon of transgender people asserting their personal and civil rights. Is gender diversity a case of social engineering, or is it a fact of life with important social justice dimensions?

Prominent transgender Australians now regularly appear in the media, and controversy on this issue – especially about gender-diverse youth and education – is a common feature of media and social media commentary.

It's time, therefore, for a solid understanding of the terms and concepts involved in the topic of gender diversity. It's also time to gain an insight into the experiences of gender-non-conforming people, and to have an opportunity to appreciate the issues from the 'inside'.

This one-day conference will address the terms, the facts, the research and the experiences associated with gender diversity and investigate what this might mean in terms of human identity and how we understand and develop flourishing lives and relationships for us all.

The Venue

The Queensland Art Gallery Lecture Theatre is located on the Watermill Level.



Program

Sunday 17 June

- 10.00 Registration
- 10.30 Welcome
- 10.40 Jade Mirabito *What is gender diversity? (Am I cis, trans, fluid... or something else? And for that matter, what is gender??)*
- 11.10 Olivia Donaghy *Gender development in youth and the social determinants on health of gender non-conforming people*
- 11.40 Q&A
- 12.10 Diane Spearritt *Hidden History: Gender diversity across time and cultures*
- 12.30 Lunch*
- 1.30 Panel presentation - *How it is for me*
- 2.30 Q&A
- 3.10 SoFIA AGM

*Lunch is available for purchase at the GOMA Café Bistro, State Library Café or QAG Café.

Registration

**\$20 entry at the door
or (to ensure a seat!) register online at
<https://bit.ly/2rjtGxb>**

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What, Who, How

One-day Conference

Queensland Art Gallery Lecture Theatre
South Bank, Brisbane
Sunday, June 17, 2018
10.30am-3.30pm

Jade Mirabito

‘What is gender diversity? (Am I cis, trans, fluid... or something else? And for that matter, what is gender??)’



Jade Mirabito is a service educator working with a number of mental health and suicide prevention services on Queensland’s Gold Coast. He provides education in LGBTIQAP+ issues to enhance awareness and inclusivity through workshops and consultations. Jade uses he/him and his pronouns and identifies as agender, trans, queer, femme and fabulous. He is engaged in community development, performance and embroidery and collects teapots.

Olivia Donaghy

‘Gender development in youth and the social determinants on health of gender non-conforming people’



Olivia Donaghy is a psychologist who has worked in Child & Youth Mental Health (CYMHS) and private practice for a decade and is experienced in providing psychological support to families, young people and adults who are gender non-conforming and/or identify as gender diverse. Olivia leads the Children’s Health Queensland gender service at Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital providing a statewide paediatric hub for families of transgender young people in Queensland.

Diane Spearritt

‘Hidden history: gender diversity across time and cultures’



Diane Spearritt is a pathologist and a parent of a trans child. Her interest in understanding LGBTIQ+ issues and supporting people who identify in these categories has led her to establish a Toowoomba chapter of PFLAG (Parents & Friends of LGBTIQ+ People).

Panel

Panel members include transgender and gay/lesbian people with a story to tell of their experience as gender non-conforming people in a primarily gender-binary society. These include:

Rev. Jo Inkpin is an Anglican priest and trans woman, and Lecturer in Theology & Senior Tutor at St Francis College, Brisbane. She is co-chair of Equal Voices Queensland & convenor of the Equal Voices national gender diversity taskforce and a board member of Trans Health Australia.

Eddie Ayres is a trans man, musician, music teacher, broadcaster and author of *Danger Music*.

Janelle Hall was raised in a fundamental evangelical Christian family, the daughter of a Baptist minister. She is the mother of an 18yr old transgender FTM son who began his social transition at 15. This initially challenged Janelle’s personal beliefs about gender and gender identity, but her son has continued his transition with her full support.

Lucian Galbraith is a young transgender man who was raised in Perth and now lives in Brisbane. He runs events for LGBT+ Youth, mostly picnics and movie days to provide a space for LGBT+ minors to form community bonds without the influence of alcohol or the pressure to be sexual.

Finnian Sonter is a non-binary transgender man whose experiences with having autism have shaped his understanding of gender. A current psychology student, Finnian also conducts research for the School of Psychology (UQ) and volunteers with the mental health organisation Headspace.

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