

galfa NEWS 
supporting GLBTIQ communities across Australia
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We appreciate your help

A big THANK YOU to all galfa supporters. Your donations make it possible for us to assist organisations with some very special work within the LGBTI community. Check out a brief update from the latest recipients of galfa grants in this newsletter.

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Next galfa grant round

The galfa Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the next funding round of grants up to \$5,000 will be considered before the end of the year. We are interested in projects that benefit LGBTI Australians including

- reducing discrimination and social exclusion
- improving health and wellbeing
- supporting ageing well
- educating the wider community about LGBTI issues



Organisations with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status are eligible to apply and should check the details on the galfa web site at www.galfa.org.au

Applicants are to submit an expression of interest by Monday 3rd September 2012. Those short listed will then asked to submit a full application by Friday 5th October 2012.

For more information, contact the following galfa Directors:

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Grant round 2011 winners profile

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard



Leanne Renfree writes:

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard (Victoria and Tasmania) applied for GALFA Grant on behalf of the five volunteer based GLBTI telephone counselling services that operate across Australia. The services have formed an informal coalition and decided at a meeting held late last year to strengthen their national presence. The services were delighted to receive a GALFA Grant for \$2500 and will use it to update the existing national website and design and print a national information card that list the counselling phone numbers of each service. These cards will be distributed at large GLBTIQ festivals and events, such as Mardi Gras and Midsumma Festival and possibly at mainstream events, such as The Big Day Out, to improve access to GLBTI counselling, information and referral services to a wide range of Australians.

Regional Youth Support Services (NSW)



From Jamie McKenzie at Regional Youth Support Services:

GenQ is the only specific same-sex-attracted youth service on the Central Coast of NSW. With funding from galfa, GenQ has employed a female worker to equip its LGBTQI young women with the skills and support they need to make safe and healthy decisions. She helps impart knowledge and skills on topics such as; safe sex practices, consent, HIV/AIDS prevention, alcohol and other drugs, safe social networking, healthy relationships and dealing with bullying and homophobia. The new female worker is also doing work in schools, helping young people, teachers, schools counsellors and even Principals by giving support, information and referrals. This year the young people of GenQ established the 'Band Against Bullying and Homophobia' campaign initiative, aiming to reduce bullying and homophobia in schools and online. GenQ developed resources and community art projects and hope that it will continue to be a beacon of hope and support for young people on the Central Coast who are affected by bullying and homophobia.

GenQ and in (RYSS) are so very grateful to have been chosen by galfa for one of the small grants this year, without the fine work that they do supporting the LGBTQI community this new female GenQ role could not have existed and we are excited to see where this leads in the future.

galfa volunteer position

Galfa is looking for a volunteer to assist with general administration. The duties will include supporting galfa Board meetings via teleconference, assisting with administration of the galfa grant rounds, and marketing galfa around Australia. A full position description is available by emailing info@galfa.org.au

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