



Kentish Regional Clinic Inc

Providing an Inclusive Practice and Community for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer/Questioning and Asexual (LGBTIQA+) People

Program Developer:

Sharon Corvinus-Jones is the Chief Executive Officer for Kentish Regional Clinic Inc. which delivers four programs; Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES), Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY), LGBTIQA+ Professional Development and Bi+ Australia (support, education and research).

Sharon has been working in LGBTIQA+ training and education since 2008. Over this time, she has won 3 awards for her work with LGBTIQA+ suicide prevention and social inclusion strategies. Throughout the training Sharon shares some of her own experiences struggling with sexuality and gender identity issues, while growing up in outback Queensland, and living as a young adult in rural Tasmania. Sharon outlines how her experiences could have been supported through LGBTIQA+ inclusive practice.

Topics covered within this training include:

- Knowledge to assist individuals and organisations to offer an inclusive and welcoming service for LGBTIQA+ people.
- LGBTIQA+ definitions and the use of pronouns.
- To provide a deeper understanding and confidence in working with LGBTIQA+ people.
- To explore the ways that homophobia and heterosexism can function to exclude LGBTIQA+ people.
- To illustrate the potentially negative effects of non-inclusive service provision and the positive effects of inclusive, sensitive services.



- To demonstrate that negative attitudes are not fixed and that people can change to become more inclusive.
- To promote and enhance critical reflection on your own personal (and potentially your professional) values.
- Preliminary research data from the 'Who I Am' study by Dr Julia Taylor and Bi+ Australia, which is currently the largest study on bisexuality and pansexuality in the world.
- A screening of **iNTERSExION** which explores the complex issues related to the healthcare needs of Gender Diverse and Intersex people.

Duration

One day: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Resources Required:

- Adequate size training room for the number of participants.
- Whiteboard, projector and screen or Smartboard.
- Lunch to be supplied by the organisation or participants BYO

Cost

6 - 12 people \$1650 plus GST

13 - 25 people \$2400 plus GST

Other Expenses (Where Required)

Travel, Accommodation, Airfares

Expressions of Interest

For further information please email: sharoneo@kentishrc.com.au