



PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter

November - December 2019

*Welcome to our sixth and final PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter for 2019. The **PFLAG Brisbane Committee** hope that all our current and incoming **Community members** feel welcome, willing and accepting of their LGBTIQ+ friends and family members. If not, we hope to provide you with a place to safely air your difficulties, questions and concerns without judgement. More PFLAG Brisbane meetings and newsletters to come in 2020... We hope you enjoy the upcoming summer holidays with those who are close to you!*

Upcoming PFLAG Brisbane Community Meeting Dates for 2019

30th November (including **Annual General Meeting**)

Start Time: 12:30 until 1:30 pm **Committee meeting** (all welcome)

1:30 until 3:00 pm **Community meeting and Committee Elections**

Location: QUAC Brisbane, 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe QLD 4006

5th October 2019 Community Meeting Speakers

Our last speakers drew a record crowd, at least in my two active years with PFLAG Brisbane.

Dr Josephine Inkipin and her partner, Reverend Penny Jones, are both Anglican priests based in Brisbane. Jo is a transgender woman whom has transitioned during her time as an Anglican priest. Jo and Penny raised a family together and they are still married throughout Jo's transition.

Together, Jo and Penny are advocates for education, awareness, faith and spirituality surrounding the transgender person's journey.

A recent edition of the St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane magazine (August 2019) has an article titled, *Revealing the rainbow nature of marriage*. It is a worthy read and the church website is www.stjohnscathedral.com.au

Jo and Penny's website is www.transspirit.org

Recent PFLAG Brisbane Participation

Brisbane Pride Parade and Fair - 21st September 2019



There was a great turn-out of PFLAG Brisbane volunteers at the parade and fair in New Farm Park. PFLAG Brisbane's information stall was shared with Shelley Argent, who was promoting her new book. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set-up, attend the stall, and pack up at the end of the day. Also, thanks to all who visited our stall!

Amnesty International LGBTQI Rights Action Group Launch – 28th Sept 2019

As a PFLAG Brisbane representative, Robert Janssen attend the launch of the LGTBQI Network action group at the Amnesty International offices in Teneriffe. The current three focus activities of the AI group are:

- Zak Kostopoulos was a transgender person beaten and killed by two men. AI has initiated a letter writing campaign to the Greek minister to demand that perpetrators are brought to justice.
- A letter writing campaign over the Human Rights Act for Australia, negating the need for the currently proposed “religious freedom” legislation.
- Conversion procedures (aka “torture”) is an AI campaign to have this type so-called therapy banned in all Australian states (currently it is banned in Victoria only), and to draw public attention to the fact that this “therapy” this is happening and being recommended in schools, churches and medical centres around Australia.

There will be a follow up planning meeting for the LGBTIQ rights network on 24/10. The meeting is online **Thursday 24 October from 6 -7pm**. For more information about this new Amnesty International network group, please see the following contact details below:



Upcoming Events

Transgender Day of Remembrance – 20th November 2019

The Transgender Day of Remembrance, also known as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance, has been observed annually on November 20 as a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. It is a day to draw attention to the continued violence endured by transgender people. (Source: Wikipedia)

For relevant information, contacts and events, please see the following website:

<https://www.glaad.org/tdor>

Difficult knowledges and Methodologies in Educational Practice and Research

The AARE Gender, Sexualities and Cultural Studies (GS&CS) Special Interest Group (SIG) invites you to attend a free **one-day event** on **difficult knowledges-methodologies in educational practice-research**.

Date: Saturday 30th November

Time: 10am-4pm (Registration & Morning Tea 9.30am-10am)

Location: Level 5, E Block, Queensland University of Technology

For more information:

FREE Eventbrite Registration: <https://t.co/eovhpNgNPj?amp=1>

If you have any queries about the event feel free to contact the SIG co-convenors:

Dr Leanne Coll: Leanne.coll@deakin.edu.au

Dr Lisa van Leent: lisa.vanleent@qut.edu.au

Dr Annette Bromdal: annette.bromdal@usq.edu.au

World Aids Day - 1st December 2019

2019 marks the 31st anniversary of World AIDS Day. First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day was initiated by health ministers from around the world who called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater awareness of HIV/AIDS on an international scale. Always observed on December 1. This year, World AIDS Day is on Sunday, 1st December.

World AIDS Day materials are designed to underscore the importance of awareness of the disease and its effects on family, friends, local neighbourhoods and nations around the globe. World AIDS Day is not just about raising money, but also about increasing awareness and education. Source: <http://www.chiff.com/a/world-aids-day.htm>

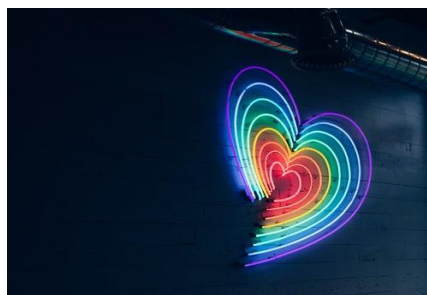
Next PFLAG Meeting & Annual General Meeting - 30th November

We are looking for a few new Community members to step up, participate and learn about the required PFLAG Brisbane Committee roles which need filling. The Committee will endeavour to provide guidance, support and information to any new members. Helping PFLAG Brisbane is a fulfilling and rewarding activity, which supports our LGBTIQ+ children and friends.

Some of the roles available for 2020 include:

- **President** – shall maintain order and conduct committee meetings, shall represent the organisation to the best of his/her ability, shall be the public officer or nominate some other person as the public officer.
- **Vice-president** – to assist the president as required at official functions and represent the president in his/her absence.
- **Events Coordinator** – shall be responsible for planning, organising and coordinate social activities attended by PFLAG Brisbane committee and community members. Also, the Events coordinator shall develop a budget for future expenses and seek approval from the community prior to the event.
- **Treasurer-in-training** – working with current Treasurer for the year in order to learn the role for an upcoming Treasurer position in 2020/2021.
- **Education Liaison Officer (currently split between two Committee members)** – shall be responsible for maintaining the PFLAG Brisbane library, shall maintain the PFLAG Brisbane publications, shall develop a forward budget for expenses and seek approval from the Committee prior to producing publications and purchasing items for the library.
- **Additional support (non-Committee roles)** – Facebook Administration, Website management and upkeep, among other jobs.

Remember that nominations take place at our AGM on 30th November. Please consider yourself for any of these positions. We hope to share the Committee's workload among several people. We are all volunteers and have active lives outside of PFLAG Brisbane, so we definitely take that fact into consideration. Please contact Linsey (linseyjane66@gmail.com), Sandra (robsanjan@hotmail.com), or any other Committee member if you have any questions.



All the best from the PFLAG Brisbane Committee,

Linsey Simpson

Acting President, Events Coordinator

Sandra Janssen

Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator, Membership Contact,

Facebook Administration

Margaret Parkhill

Treasurer

Beth Delbridge

Literature Coordinator

Pasi Linnosto

President (currently away)

Shelley Argent, OAM

National PFLAG Representative for Australia

PFLAG Membership



PFLAG is organised and resourced by volunteers and 100% of our funds, including your membership fees, goes to improving our services to you and parents seeking support. We are encouraging people to ensure they pay their annual membership (\$25). Whilst paid membership is not compulsory to receive support, it does help us to improve PFLAG resources, keep our website up to date and help cover some of our general administration costs. Go to our membership webpage @ www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/membership for more information.

For those of you whom have not been able to pay their annual membership fee for 2019 in person or prefer to pay via EFT, PFLAG Brisbane's banking details follow:

BSB: 124 001 Account number: 20238607

See banner above for annual membership costs. Many thanks for your ongoing support!