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PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter

I look around the world and see so many wonderful things that I love and enjoy and benefit from, whether it's art or music or clothing or food and all the rest. And I'd like to add a little to that goodness -

Daniel Dennett, philosopher and cognitive scientist

The Holliday season is upon us and this month's newsletter will be the final edition for 2017. PFLAG wishes everyone a happy holiday to family and friends and hopes to see you back again in the new year.

Welcome PFLAG Members

We are at the end of another year and the December meeting is now behind us. What a busy month and a busy year it's been.

Throughout the year we heard from many guest speakers including: -

- Mr. Parker Forbes – Who presented a wonderful and informative insight into trans and non-binary people in our community. Parents need to be supportive whilst trying not to categorise their children.
- Gary Williams- Spoke about sexual health and services provided at QUAC including his regional work throughout the State.
- Heather Corkhill – Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland (ADCQ) gave us an insight into the organisations work in the LGBTQ community how they participate in forums and focus groups to promote the objectives of the Act.
- Giana Parmesan – Cam to discuss Safe School Project, which although severely diminished in capability is still able to help our children in Australian schools.
- Peter Catt - Anglican Dean Brisbane, on the Catholic church in Australia.

The lead-up to December has been a particularly busy time for Shelley Argent with her work on Marriage Equality. As most of us know Shelley has been very active in lobbying for Marriage Equality for many years now, and; on Thursday 7th of December 2017, Australia became the 26th nation to overwhelmingly pass legislation giving our children equal rights in marriage. A mammoth achievement for all of us and we are eternally grateful to Shelley for her contribution and leadership.



Our website is evolving

New Website look

PFLAG Brisbane Website www.pflagbrisbane.org.au is getting a facelift. Over the holiday break, Big Buda Boom will be working in the background on improvements to the website. Stay tuned for more on that later, and feel free to continue using our current website throughout the holiday season.

PFLAG+

PFLAG Brisbane is changing its branding as well. We are changing our look to become more inclusive. PFLAG+ represents the best of what we do and the inclusion of everyone.

New brochure

The new Migrant brochure is being prepared for print and the draft looks great. Stay tuned for its release early next year.

2018 Committee Meeting

Venue:

The venue remains the same 30 Hellen Street | Newstead 4005.

Dates and Times:

Our next meeting to jump into the new year will be in March. This gives everyone a chance to settle back into the year after vacations, celebrations and work before making plans for next year.

PFLAG Brisbane Dates 2018

10th March;

7th April;

9th June;

4th August;

13th October; and

1st December.

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.

Looking forward to 2018
Pasi Linnosto
President

