



(PFLAG NSW - Incorporating Western Sydney)

Christmas 2015

There is no meeting in December.

The Committee of PFLAG NSW wishes you and your loved ones,
family and friends a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2016



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Last minute Christmas shopping?

There's always just a few last-minute things to grab at Christmas! And if you are thinking about helping a charity at this time of year, would you consider supporting Barnardos Australia?

Barnardos are well known for their support of rainbow families as an organisation with an inclusive fostering & adoption policy.

This year, as every year, Barnardos are running their Gifts for Kids drive:

<http://www.barnardos.org.au/giftsforkids>

You can donate cash, or even more fun, select gifts online which are delivered straight to Barnardos – saving them time and admin costs!

There's still time to donate gifts for kids this Christmas. Please consider supporting an organisation that supports the LGBTI community.



Encounter the LGBTI Community: Professional Development Training in LGBTI Issues and Culture Sydney 21st – 22nd January

Matt Glover - accredited counsellor (Australian Counselling Association) and Director of MGA Counselling Services – is bringing his well-regarded *Encounter the LGBTI Community* course to Sydney in January.

The aim of the Encounter Series is to highlight the common issues that LGBTI people face through a combination of interactive teaching, video presentations and real life stories.

<http://www.encounterlgbti.com.au/>



Intro Course (21st Jan): covers the 10 most common myths about surrounding the LGBTI community, presenting latest research and lived experience. What sets Matt's interactive courses apart is the guest speakers from the community sharing their stories, with a Q&A session on each day.

Advanced Course (22nd Jan): looks at working with LGBTI young people, couples, families and the elderly.

This is an essential course for those working with in / with the LGBTI community or clients. **PLACES ARE LIMITED!** If you would like to attend but finance is an issue, please get in contact via the above web link.

Project Whisper: Applications close 6th January!

The Q, in partnership with Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, is producing a new theatre project as part of Mini Gras.

Project Whisper is on the lookout for LGBTIQ people, aged 16 – 25, who would like to take part in the workshop process across Jan – Feb 2016.

Details: please see the flyer attached to the email that delivered this newsletter to you.

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Regular Announcements

PFLAG Merchandise

We now have for sale: PFLAG T-shirts: \$25 each; white PFLAG caps @ \$10 each. Rainbow umbrellas and kites @ \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Rainbow lanyards and PFLAG badges @ \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Contact Judy on 9869 1454 or see us at the meetings.

Civil Marriage Celebrant

Rev Robert Clark of Metropolitan Community Church of the Good Shepherd, Granville, is a Civil Marriage Celebrant. You may check out his website:

www.weddingswithflair.net



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