



AUSTRALIAN ALLY CONFERENCE

Western Sydney University • Parramatta Campus • 27-28 June 2016

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INVITATION

Western Sydney University and the University of Newcastle invite you and your organisation to join us at the Inaugural Australian Ally Conference to be held at the Western Sydney Parramatta Campus from 27-28 June 2016. The Conference will bring together Academic and Professional staff, students and practitioners from across the Ally communities in the education sector and will also showcase best practice of Ally networks in private enterprise and government.

This Conference will explore how best to encourage better communication between Higher Education Ally Networks from across the sector. It will also explore best practice for dealing with national and local issues regarding the Ally Networks, the latest research in LGBTIQA acceptance and equality and many other associated topics.

The Conference will offer workshops and training and will allow participants to share their experiences and network with their colleagues from other universities.

All Ally members and people who would like to learn more about the Ally Network and LGBTIQA movement are invited to attend and participate in this ground breaking event.

REGISTRATION

Only a limited number of places are available.

For more information and to register for the conference or to submit a paper, please go to our Conference website: allynetwork.com.au

Full Registration	\$420.00 (incl. GST)	
Student Registration	\$220.00 (incl. GST)	
Conference Dinner Only	\$95.00 (incl. GST)	limited spaces available

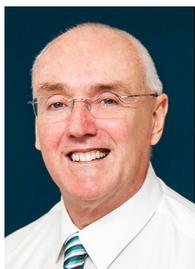
SPONSORSHIP

There are various ways in which you can support this Conference. Apart from the opportunity for you or your representative to address the Conference through a presentation, other ways of support for which Western Sydney University would be most grateful include:

- sponsoring the overall Conference by selecting one or more of the sponsorship opportunities (including the options of a \$5,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 contribution, or \$3,000 for the Conference Dinner);
- promoting and encouraging attendance throughout your organisation and networks.

To request a Sponsorship Prospectus, please send an email to allyconference@westernsydney.edu.au or call us on 02-9678 7378.

ENDORSEMENTS



Professor Barney Glover, Vice-Chancellor and President, Western Sydney University

Prof. Glover expressed his pride that Western Sydney University will be hosting this inaugural event. *"The Conference will provide an important forum for academics, professional staff and students to examine best practice, discuss, and debate contemporary LGBTIQ issues and inclusion. We hope the conference will help launch future developments, including a national practitioner network and better linkages between student associations. These innovations will help today's Ally Networks match the fast paced changes in engagement, diversity and inclusion into the future."*



Professor Caroline McMillen, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Newcastle

"The University of Newcastle (UON) has an unwavering commitment to respect, equity, and social justice on our campuses and in our communities, so I am delighted UON is co-organising this inaugural Australian Ally Conference. By coming together in June, members of the Network are not only championing inclusion and respect, but also helping Australia's Ally Networks to strengthen their community of practice, ensuring universities across the country can offer LGBTIQ people support when and where it's needed."



The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, Retired Justice of High Court

Congratulating Western Sydney University and the University of Newcastle for their leadership in organising this Conference, Michael Kirby emphasised that *"LGBTIQ people continue to live with social exclusion and homophobia in broader society, in their studies and in the workplace. It is through education and networks, such as the Ally Networks that these attitudes and experiences are changed. Australia's universities have a significant role to play in educating their students about the importance of diversity and inclusion."*



Dawn Hough, Director of Pride in Diversity

Dawn Hough highlighted the importance *"... that Allies are provided with the training and support necessary to develop a successful, cohesive network and that there is a consistent approach to LGBTI inclusion across the higher education sector in Australia... The Australian Ally Conference promises to be a pioneering event that will bring together the Ally movement from across Australia to encourage better communication between Higher Education Ally Networks from Australia and explore best practice Ally Networks, the latest research in LGBTI acceptance and equality and many other associated topics."*

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