



SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUPS

There are a number of social and support groups and programs around Victoria. The list below contains those who are part of the Rainbow network. They run a range of different programs with different focuses including recreational, support, peer education, social events and producing magazines. Keep in mind the worker may change so direct your enquiries around the program.

Statewide

Name of group	Fresh
Type of program	Fresh is a social and support group for young people with HIV
Age	18 - 30
Time & place	Varies
Contact details	Worker: Gina Greco Phone: 9863 0444 Fax: 9534 2708 Email: gina_greco@vic aids.asn.au
Organisation:	Positive Living Centre

Name of group	Minus 18
Type of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance party • SSAY Entertainment • Drug and alcohol free
Age	14 - 18
Time & place	
Contact details	Convenors: Andrea Anquillano Phone: 0402 702 863 Fax: Website: www.minus18.org
Organisation:	P-FLAG

Name of group	Pride and Prejudice
Type of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School workshops • Professional development • Support and information
Age	14 - 25
Time & place	Ongoing, varies
Contact details	Worker: Carol Espinoza & Daniel Whitthaus Phone: 9243 8702 Email:
Organisation:	Moonee Valley City Council

Name of group	New Agenda
Type of program	Under development - transgender support, mentoring
Age	12 - 25
Time & place	
Contact details	Worker: Sally Goldner Phone: 0407 946 242 Email: goforgoldcoaching@bigpond.com
Organisation:	



Name of group	YAK
Type of program	Support/ chat
Age	Up to 25
Time & place	1st and 3rd Friday of each month, at the Action Centre, Level 1, 94 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
Contact details	
Worker:	Mark
Phone:	9654 4766 or 1800 013 952
Email:	yakaction@hotmail.com
Organisation:	Action Centre/Family Planning Victoria

Name of group	Y&YA (Youth and Young Adults)
Type of program	Social group for GLIBT and GLIBT friendly young people, peer organised.
Age	Under 30
Time & place	3 rd Saturday of month - contact group for venue
Contact details	
Worker:	Miles-David or Sarah Jan (mentor of the group)
Phone:	0408504983 0438811553
Email:	mccmelb_youth@yahoo.com
Organisation:	Metropolitan Community Church of Melbourne

Name of group	Young & Gay
Type of program	Note: people who are interested in participating in Young & Gay must register prior to attendance.
Age	26 and under
Time & place	Young & Gay is usually be held at night time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Victorian AIDS Council. 6 Claremont St, South Yarra
Contact details	
Worker:	Asvin
Phone:	9865-6700
Email:	YouthProject@vic aids.asn.au
Organisation:	Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre

Rural/ Regional

LGA	Ballarat
Name of group	ZAQUE
Type of program	Brendan Sartori or Cassie Lindsey
Age	14 - 24
Time & place	Do not give out these details
Contact details	
Worker:	
Phone:	03 5320 5645
Fax:	03 5333 5072
Email:	brendansartori@ballarat.vic.gov.au or cassielindsey@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Ballarat Youth Services



LGA	Bass Coast/ South Gippsland
Name of group	Kick Arse Queers
Type of program	Social support group
Age	14 to 18
Time & place	Saturday evenings
Contact details	
Worker:	Chris Garde, Jamie Hogan, Deb Amor
Phone:	
Email:	Chris.garde@ymca.org.au
Organisation:	Bass Coast Youth Services

LGA	Bendigo/ Central Goldfields/ Macedon Ranges/ Mount Alexander
Name of group	WayOut: Central Victorian Youth & Sexual Diversity Project
Type of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development • Information & referral for family, teachers & workers of SSAY • Work in schools • Community development
Age	Principal target is SSAY, but focus for work is others in their environment
Place	Covers Macedon Ranges, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields and Bendigo Shire
Contact details	
Worker:	Sue Hackney (Mon - Thurs)
Phone:	5422 3011 / 0428 347 407
Email:	shackney@cobaw.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	Cobaw Community Health Service, Kyneton

LGA	Frankston
Name of group	GLOSS
Type of program	A support group for GLBT young people and those with questions around their sexuality. Must meet with Florence before joining.
Age	16 - 25
Time & place	Every Friday fortnight in the school term 6.00pm-7.30pm
Contact details	
Worker:	Florence Adamec
Phone:	9770 6222
Email:	florence.adamec@frankston.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Frankston

LGA	Frankston
Name of group	Young and Proud (YAP)
Type of program	A support group for GLBT young people and those with questions around their sexuality. Must meet with Florence before joining.
Age	14 - 21
Time & place	Every Friday in the school term 4.00pm-5.30pm
Contact details	
Worker:	Florence Adamec
Phone:	9770 6222
Email:	florence.adamec@frankston.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Frankston



LGA	Greater Geelong
Name of group	GASP! Geelong Adolescent Sexuality Project
Type of program	Support, Information and Referral. PFLAG.
Age	14 - 25
Time & place	To be confirmed
Contact details	
Worker:	Susanne Prosser
Phone:	5227 0977 or 0400 919 289
Email:	sprosser@geelongcity.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Greater Geelong

LGA	Greater Sheparnton/ Moira/ Strathbogie
Name of group	"Diversity" Same Sex Attracted Youth Support Program
Type of program	Support, Information and Referral. Must meet worker before joining.
Age	15 - 25
Time & place	Fortnightly
Contact details	
Worker:	Rowena Allen
Phone:	58316157
Email:	rowena_allen@ceys.com.au
Organisation:	Cutting Edge Youth Services-UnitingCare

LGA	Mornington Peninsula
Name of group	Kaleidoscope
Type of program	Activities based program
Age	16 - 21 with 14 to 15 year olds being supported
Time & place	Meets every second Friday on the Mornington Peninsula
Contact details	
Worker:	Viv Ray
Phone:	59794443 or 0408 483 980
Email:	kaleidoscope@infoxchange.net.au
Organisation:	Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service

LGA	Whittlesea
Name of group	Whittlesea SSATY Group
Type of program	Social and support
Age	14 - 18
Place	Meeting at Epping. Covering Whittlesea region.
Contact details	
Worker:	Vassi Bouzalas
Phone:	9716 9444
Mobile:	0402 208 951
Organisation:	Plenty Valley Community Health Services



LGA	Yarra Ranges
Name of group	U
Type of program	Support group
Age	16 - 20 year olds
Time & place	Meets monthly in the Shire of Yarra Ranges
Contact details	
Worker:	Rebecca
Phone:	9294 6716 or 0418 389 196
Email:	r.infanti@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	Shire of Yarra Ranges

Northern Metropolitan Region

LGA	Banyule/ Nillumbik
Name of group	EGG
Type of program	Social and support
Age	14 - 21
Time & place	Mondays fortnightly in and around Nillumbik
Contact details	
Worker:	Felicity
Phone:	9431 1333 or 0411 593 607
Fax:	
Email:	felicitym@nillumbikchs.org.au
Organisation:	Nillumbik Community Health Service

LGA	Darebin
Name of group	Bit Bent Buddies
Type of program	Buddies for young people with gay or lesbian parents Describe the kind of buddy you want and get paired up with someone who matches your description.
Age	10 - 24
Time & place	Meets three or four times a year for get-togethers
Contact details	
Worker:	Viv Ray
Phone:	9496 1020
Email:	vivrobin@aol.com
Organisation:	Darebin Council

LGA	Darebin
Name of group	Bit Bent? Youth Group
Type of program	Discussion, support and social activities
Age	14 - 21
Time & place	Meets every second Wednesday in the City of Darebin
Contact details	
Worker:	Viv Ray and Rob Kasic
Phone:	9496 1020 or 9301 5200
Email:	vivrobin@aol.com or robert.kasic@anglicarevic.org.au
Organisation:	Darebin Council and Anglicare Family Services



LGA	Moreland, (also northern and western metropolitan regions)
Name of group	Y-GLAM Performing Arts Project
Type of program	Theatre, dance, movement and visual arts
Age	14 - 25
Time & place	4 to 7pm on Monday afternoons in Brunswick
Contact details	Worker: Jemma or Vicky Phone: 9355 9978 (Mondays) Fax: 9355 9993 Email: jemimam@mchs.org.au or vicky.guglielmo@jss.org.au
Organisation:	Moreland Community Health Service

North West Metropolitan Region

LGA	Moonee Valley
Name of group	SASSY
Type of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support • Social • Training • Creative Projects
Age	14 - 18
Time & place	Moonee Valley
Contact details	Worker: Anna Duff Phone: c/o 9243 8702 Email:
Organisation:	Moonee Valley City Council

Eastern Metropolitan Region

LGA	Boroondara
Name of group	NQS
Type of program	Social Support Group
Age	14 - 18
Time & place	In Boroondara. Weekly 4.00 - 6.00pm. Open to young people in Eastern Region
Contact details	Worker: Kate Clark Phone: 9882 2621 Email: kclark@boroondara.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Boroondara

LGA	Knox
Name of group	Purple Bus
Type of program	A magazine produced by SSAY for SSAY.
Age	15 - 24
Time & place	Meets in the outer east suburbs
Contact details	Worker: Aishling (Knox Youth Services) Phone: 9298 8304/ 0438 545 924 Email: aishling.fagan@knox.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	Knox Youth Services



LGA	Monash
Name of group	Pride & Diversity
Type of program	Peer support and recreational activities
Age	14 - 21
Time & place	Glen Waverley Every wed 5-7pm
Contact details	Worker: Shlom Eshel and Michelle Ramage Phone: 9561 7359/ 0402 208 070 or 9561 7359 Email: shlome@monash.vic.gov.au or micheller@monash.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Monash

LGA	Whitehorse
Name of group	Whitehorse Same Sex Attracted Support Group
Type of program	Social and support
Age	15 - 18
Time & place	Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm
Contact details	Worker: Lara Mantegna Phone: 9878 3782 Email: yab@refs.asn.au
Organisation:	YAB Youth Resource Centre

Southern Metropolitan Region

LGA	Casey/ Cardinia
Name of group	Rainbow Express Social Support Group
Type of program	Social and support
Age	14 to 18 years old in the City of Casey or Cardinia Shire
Time & place	Weekly from 5 - 7pm
Contact details	Worker: Kiri Bear Phone: 0409 569 900 Email: kiri.bear@careconnections.com.au
Organisation:	UnitingCare Connections

LGA	Greater Dandenong
Name of group	GLB Taskforce
Type of program	Research project looking to speak to GLB young people, workers etc to identify needs in City of Greater Dandenong
Age	12 - 25
Time & place	
Contact details	Worker: Agnes Phone: 0413 592 492 Fax: Email: glbtaskforce@hotmail.com
Organisation:	City of Greater Dandenong



LGA	Greater Dandenong
Name of group	Spectrum
Type of program	Support and recreation
Age	Young people in the City of Greater Dandenong area
Time & place	Springvale
Contact details	
Worker:	Micky Lomman
Phone:	8558 9152 or 8558 9001
Email:	spectrum@southernhealth.org.au or michelle.lomman@southernhealth.org.au
Organisation:	Southern Health

LGA	Kingston
Name of group	ImMature
Type of program	Support, information and recreation based program
Age	14 - 18
Time & place	City of Kingston
Contact details	
Worker:	Wayne Merritt and Rebecca Pratt
Phone:	1300 369 436
Email:	wayne.merritt@kingston.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	City of Kingston Youth Services

Western Region

LGA	Brimbank
Name of group	Generation Q
Type of program	Social and support
Age	Young people aged up to 20 in Brimbank
Time & place	4 to 6pm on Wednesday afternoons in St Albans
Contact details	
Worker:	Jemma or Julie
Phone:	9364 3200
Fax:	9364 3733
Email:	gsjemmam@infoxchange.net.au
Organisation:	Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service

LGA	Hobsons Bay/ Wyndham
Name of group	Proud
Type of program	TBC
Age	Young people aged up to 21
Place	Hobsons Bay
Contact details	
Worker:	Daniela Beardsley
Phone:	9932 3003
Email:	dbeardsley@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	Hobsons Bay City Council



LGA	Melton
Name of group	MSSAY
Type of program	Social support group
Age	14 - 18
Time & place	4 to 6pm on Thursday afternoons in Melton
Contact details	
Convenors:	Liz Alexander, Kodie Webb or Katherine Goulliard
Phone:	8746 1100 or 0408 109 032
Email:	elizabetha@mhc.com.au or ealexander@fpv.org.au
Organisation:	Djerriwarrh Health Centre

LGA	Maribyrnong
Name of group	OutnAbout
Type of program	Social support and information
Age	Under 18
Place	Maribyrnong
Contact details	
Worker:	Christopher Lynch
Phone:	9688 0131
Email:	ssayouth@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au
Organisation:	Maribyrnong City Council