

WORKING WITH LGBTIQ YOUNG PEOPLE

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About ICLC

- Generalist and specialist legal centre situated in Kings Cross

Generalist services

- Free legal advice given by volunteer solicitors two evenings a week in employment, family, civil and criminal law matters in our catchment area
- Court representation for especially vulnerable clients
- Law reform and CLE work
- Services are generally means-tested

Our work with LGBTIQ communities

- Specialist services:
 - State-wide LGBTIQ legal service
 - State-wide Sex Workers Legal Service
- These services are not means tested
- We are often the first stop for parents of trans children who are required to apply to the Family Court to access hormones to transition to their affirmed gender.

Today's presentation

- Twenty10 Outreach
- Engaging with parents at the Gender Centre
- App development partnership
- Children in Transition partnership project
- Crowd-funding campaigns, social media and events



Twenty10 Outreach

- What is Twenty10?
- What wasn't working
- Fixing the problem
- What works
- Accessing other LGBTIQ youth support groups

Words from workers

‘The monthly clinic has been really helpful to increase staff knowledge about changes in legal issues, specifically around access to [hormones]’

Words from workers

‘The informal group conversations, that explore a whole gamut of topics including rights, how the law works and systems surrounding its implementation, are an excellent way for young people to extend their knowledge, develop critical thinking skills and build confidence.’

Words from workers

‘Having the clinic regularly, and in the space where young people are already accessing and feel safer, means young people get to develop a connection with you, the outreach worker.

It means the difference between someone getting support and not.’

Parents' group at the Gender Centre

- Legal context
- Providing information
- Factsheets – iclc.org.au/factsheets
 - 'Getting treatment: what to do if you are trans and under 18'
 - Changing sex on ID documents

App development partnership

- The competition
- The context
- The benefits

LGBTIQ focus throughout all of our work

- Student training
- Website
- Centre videos
- Social Media
- Posters
- CLE projects

Children in Transition project

- Gender Centre and ICLC in partnership with a pro bono partner
- Booklet to provide information for the people around young people who are transitioning
 - Teachers
 - Counselors
 - Parents

Children in Transition

- To get information on the issues children face, individuals need to go to multiple sources. A large majority of what is available is outdated and difficult to follow

Children in Transition

- Daily Life
 - Self expression and being social
 - Names and pronouns, clothing and uniforms, toilets and change rooms, school sport, bullying etc
- Becoming Me
 - The ins and out of medical transition
- My Identity
 - The practical realities of changing documents and records

Other LGBTIQ Projects

- Fundraising
- Events

Fundraising

- Developed a fund raising strategy when we thought we were facing funding cuts.
 - Trek
 - Thank you event for supporters
 - Crowd Fund campaign



Crowd Fund

- We discovered that not only could we raise over \$23,000 (City of Sydney matched \$10,000 worth of donations), but we could also take the opportunity to raise awareness about the process that trans kids and their families need to go through to access hormones



Trans Law Reform

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Help transgender kids be themselves

Our goal is to provide all transgender youth in New South Wales with the legal support they need and we are asking for your help!

Australia is one of the few countries around the world that require complicated applications to the Family Court for a transgender youth to access the critical cross-sex hormones. These hormones are essential to enable a young person to transition and can be the lifeline for someone grappling with crippling dysphoria and mental health issues. This can cost well over \$20,000 for a private solicitor.

\$13,270 of \$20k goal

Raised by 125 people in 9 months

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Inner City Legal Centre

Woolloomooloo, Australia

Reward Levels

\$1,000

Diamond

\$1,000 will fund endocrinologist and psychiatrist reports for one client who cannot afford to pay (this donation is tax deductible)

\$600

Ruby

\$600 will fund one off advice for one client (this donation is tax deductible)

\$300

Emerald

\$300 gets you a thank you in the ICLC Annual Report (this donation is tax deductible)

Trans Kids Could Miss Out On Lifesaving Treatment After Legal Centre Cuts

"At the moment, we don't turn anyone away. ... But that can't last."

Posted on November 2, 2016, at 4:16 p.m.



Lane Sainty

BuzzFeed News Reporter, Australia



A Sydney community legal centre has turned to the public with a plea for funds so it can continue to help transgender teenagers and their parents navigate Australia's Family Court system.

Events



Cate McGregor guest speaker



The Danish Girl screening



Mardi Gras

