

Ally Newsletter

The monthly Ally Newsletter is sent to all formally registered Allies and contains information on upcoming professional development opportunities, training, events and activities in this space. To submit information to the newsletter, please email us at ally@usq.edu.au. To access the current and past editions of the newsletter, please check the website usq.edu.au/ally



ALLY NETWORK



USQ Ally Network

The USQ Ally Network aims to provide a safe and visible support network for all staff and students who may or may not identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) and/or have an interest in enhancing inclusion at USQ.



Want to know more?

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What is an Ally?

USQ Allies are staff and students from the USQ community who are informed about and empathetic to the needs of the LGBTIQ community. Allies do not necessarily identify as LGBTIQ and they are not necessarily professional counsellors or equity practitioners. Allies are advocates for a community free from harassment or discrimination based on sexuality and gender identity. They strongly support USQ's stance on inclusiveness and equity.

Allies can be identified by the small rainbow sticker on their door or window. They may also be wearing a small rainbow pin.

The aims of the USQ Ally Network

The USQ Ally Network aims to:

- Create a safe, supportive and inclusive educational and work environment
- Provide an open, confidential opportunity for students and staff to be listened to, and be understood

- Facilitate relevant and current referrals for students and staff to access further support when needed
- Create change and advocate against discriminatory or exclusive attitudes and behaviours.

How to become an Ally

LGBTIQ+ Awareness Training is offered to USQ staff and students. This is an educational training session, and those who participate are eligible to become formally recognised as a USQ Ally. If you would like to register your intention to attend a future training session or to find out more information, please email ally@usq.edu.au or check the website usq.edu.au/ally

Ally Network Natters

USQ Ally Network Natters are intended to be a safe and inclusive space for discussion and relaxation for members of the LGBTIQ community and their supporters within USQ. They are monthly gatherings held on the first Wednesday of the month alternating between Springfield and Ipswich campuses, which are also available to all USQ Allies via live webinar.

