NSW Anti-Homophobia Interagency Conference

THAT'S SO GAY

Addressing Homophobia and Celebrating Diversity in Educational Settings

The Conference, opened by the Director General of the NSW Department of Education and Training, Michael Coutts-Trotter, will explore strategies to address homophobia and affirm sexual diversity in educational settings as well as demonstrate best practice models. Keynote presentations will touch on key themes, which will be explored further in a range of workshop streams that will run throughout the day.

Who: For teachers, students, education lecturers, student welfare workers and counsellors, parents, health workers, youth workers and other interested parties.
Date: Wednesday 16 April 2008
Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm
Where: NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre
23-33 Mary Street
Surry Hills NSW

Lunch and refreshments will be served throughout the day

Pre-Conference Reception
There will also be a pre-Conference reception on Tuesday 15 April 2008, between 6-8pm. This will be held in the Lounge area of the NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre and will feature a video address by Conference patron **Justice Michael Kirby**, light entertainment, refreshments and the opportunity to network.

Costs (inc. GST)

Conference Registration:	$100 – if funded by your organisation
	$50 – individuals (self-funded)
	$10 – under 25s, students, concessions
Pre-Conference Reception:	$20

If you would like to attend, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the NSW Anti-Homophobia interagency to discuss alternative arrangements.

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Organisation: .....

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr Affrica Taylor

A Senior Lecturer of Sociology and Cultural Studies, University of Canberra. Her research draws from the theoretical fields of cultural geography, postcolonial, queer and feminist studies.

She has published a number of articles including 'Innocent children, dangerous families and homophobic panic' in 2007, which focussed on the media storm surrounding a Marrickville childcare centre and the so-called 'Playschool fiasco'.

Her keynote address will explore issues of 'moral panic' and discuss how educators can address issues of sexuality and gender.

Dr Lynne Hillier

A senior researcher at Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at La Trobe University (Vic). She has expertise in the areas of adolescent sexuality; sexual health; violence against women; philosophy of psychology, intellectual disability and lesbian sexuality.

Anne Mitchell

Anne Mitchell has a background in teaching and adult education and has been working in the field of sexuality education, sexual health and STI prevention for nearly fifteen years. This included a period in the Victorian Health Department where she was responsible for HIV/AIDS prevention education and policy development. She is co-author of the book Youth, AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases published by Routledge in 1997.

Lynne Hillier and Anne Mitchell will give a joint keynote presentation on *Fighting Homophobia from above and below: policy change and grass roots action*. The presentation would draw on the Victorian education model and the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Gay and Lesbian Health (MACGLH), as well as looking at young people's strategies to protect themselves.

NSW Anti-Homophobia Interagency members are NSW Department of Education & Training, NSW Attorney General's Department, The Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence Project, ACON, Family Planning NSW, NSW Police Force, Twenty10 GLBT Youth Support, NSW Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations of NSW, North Sydney Central Coast Health and the NSW Teachers Federation.

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