



BEYOND 'THAT'S SO GAY'

A National Challenging Homophobia Tour

TOUR ITINERARY for 2010

CHALLENGING HOMOPHOBIA IN A TOWN NEAR YOU IN 2010

FEBRUARY

Geelong

MARCH

Mt Gambier, Adelaide,
Port Lincoln, Albany

APRIL

Perth, Geraldton

MAY

Broome, Darwin,

JUNE

Alice Springs, Katherine
Mt Isa, Cairns, Townsville

JULY

Brisbane, Gold Coast,
North East NSW

AUGUST

Sydney, Newcastle,
Canberra, Bathurst

SEPTEMBER

Broken Hill, Mildura,
Swan Hill, Bendigo

OCTOBER

Albury/Wodonga, Gippsland,
Launceston, Hobart

NOVEMBER

Melbourne, Geelong

In 1999, the Australian Human Rights Commission initiated Outlink, a national network of support and advocacy services for young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people living in rural Australia.

In 2010, *Beyond 'That's So Gay': The Tour* will:

1. Update the Outlink dialogue, listening to the concerns of LGBT Australians, in particular young people;
2. Collect and share everyday stories from LGBT Australians for an international challenging homophobia campaign (see www.lgbt-education.info);
3. Breakdown the isolation of services and organisations which currently work with young rural LGBT Australian people, allowing them to share skills, knowledge and resources;
4. Build capacity of local services to respond to local needs, including the sharing of recognised resources such as *Not Round Here* and *Pride & Prejudice*;
5. Partner with state and territory peak organisations to link, in particular young, LGBT Australians into local, relevant and appropriate support services; and
6. Explore indigenous and CALD communities' experience of sexual and gender diversity.

How can you help?

- Let people know about the national tour - for example by directing people to the website or to the Facebook group
- Share your LGBT contacts in the areas we'll be visiting
- Promote and champion the tour in your area - for example through your local schools and natural networks
- Provide in-kind support
- Help us with fundraising and sponsorship

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FIVE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Participate in an interview

Who will the project speak to?

- LGBT people
- Leading LGBT organisations
- Local services and community groups
- Indigenous/CALD Community Elders and Leaders

Suggested time: 30 - 60 minutes

Attend a *Pride & Prejudice* Facilitator Training

Build confidence and competence in everyday classroom activities;

- Build confidence in classroom activities;
- How best to engage students, teachers and parents; and
- Prepare your school community for challenging homophobia.

Suggested time: One full day (prior learning)
Two full days (recommended)

Organise a School Presentation (students) or Professional Development (teachers)

- Delivered by developer of *Pride & Prejudice*, Daniel Witthaus

- A safe and structured opportunity to talk to their peers;
- An emotionally safe and often fun way to be challenged;
- Real examples of gays and lesbians (inc. research); and
- Strategies for making an immediate difference in their school.

Suggested time: 90 minute

Come along to a *Beyond 'That's So Gay': The Book* reading (including Community Forum)

Spend time and have a cuppa with author Daniel Witthaus as he shares over a decade of challenging homophobia.

His book, *Beyond 'That's So Gay'*, offers a comprehensive, effective and fun guide to changing schoolyards and classrooms. The book demonstrates in entertaining detail exactly what happens when teachers, students and parents discuss the emotionally charged topic of sexual diversity.

Attend a Challenging Homophobia Workshop

Based on *Not Round Here*, the only challenging homophobia resource developed for regional Australia by the Human Rights Commission.

- A guide to challenging the 6 different homophobic "types"
- Strategies for making an immediate difference in your everyday life
- Exercises to clarify your own attitudes around sexual diversity

Suggested time: 3 - 4 hours



Daniel Witthaus
Facilitator