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Summary



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Children and Young People with Disability Australia made this paper.

We sometimes use the name CYDA, which will we use for this paper.



CYDA is an organization that represents people with disability aged between 0 – 25 years old.



This paper is about young people with disability who are **LGBTQIA+**

LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Aromantic/Asexual.



LGBTQIA+ young people sometimes have trouble accessing **services and activities** for disabled people.

Services and activities are sometimes called **spaces**.



Young people with disability sometimes have trouble accessing spaces for LGBTQIA+ people

CYDA wanted to understand the **experiences** of LGBTQIA+ young people with disability.

Experiences mean things that people live through.



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CYDA held a focus group with 11 LGBTQIA+ young people with disability.



This focus group was **co-designed** by young disabled people.

Co-design means that young people make decisions about how things work.

What young people said



LGBTQIA+ young people said that their disability wasn't always considered in LGBTQIA+ spaces



Sometimes other LGBTQIA+ people have bad attitudes about disability.



Sometimes young people with disability feel that other LGBTQIA+ people talk down to them.

She / Her
He / Him
They/ Them

They said that it was important that people ask for their **pronouns**.

Pronouns are small words we use when talking about a person to let them know what gender you are.



They also said that a mix of online and in-person spaces is important for feeling included.



Recommendations



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Recommendations are things that CYDA will ask people to do.



They are about making sure LGBTQIA+ young people with disability feel included.



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CYDA has two recommendations for the Government.



Australian Government

The Australian Government should:



1. give money to disability and LGBTQIA+ organisations.



These organisations should help disabled queer people make guides for services and events.



2. Governments should put more disabled LGBTQIA+ people in leadership roles.



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CYDA has three recommendations for community services and organisations:

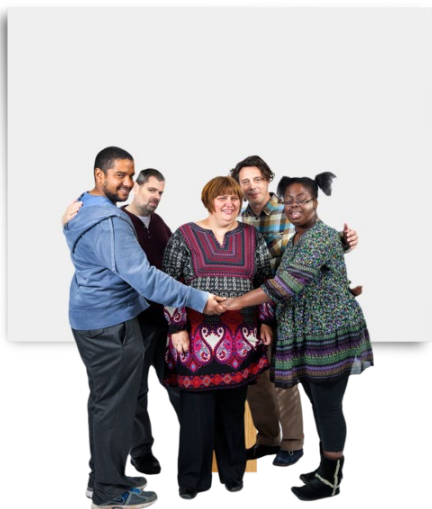


1. LGBTQIA+ services should make sure young queer disabled people feel safe and supported.



They can do this by making sure spaces are **accessible**.

Accessible means that everyone can use or be a part of.



2. Disability services and organisations should make sure young queer people feel safe.

They can do this by making sure spaces are inclusive of LGBTQIA+ people.



Organisations should make social events for young LGBTQIA+ disabled people.

These events should help young LGBTQIA+ disabled people to meet and network.