

TERM ONE NEWSLETTER

THE SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (SAIS) CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL WITH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, IDENTIFYING HIGH QUALITY INCLUSIVE RESOURCES, EXPERT ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND EVENTS.

VISIT **SAISACT.INFO** FOR MORE INFO



ACTING OUT ACT OUT! ACT UP! PLAY HARD!

Acting Out is an inclusive drama program brought to you by Rebus Theatre in partnership with the AIDS Action Council and the Canberra Inclusive Partnership. The program is funded by the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund 2019 and will be led by Sammy Moynihan and Anaïs Maro, with a youth peer worker from the AIDS Action Council onsite for each class.

Join us for an inclusive drama program with this dynamic duo of international proportions! Sammy and Anaïs are passionate explorers of humanity and theatre. Come play and learn with them in an inclusive space whilst creating a new work informed by theatre styles from all over the world!

This workshop will give you performance skills and an inclusive space to play and make important new work about the things that are important to you.



Run over two terms, Acting Out will introduce participants to a range of skills and theatre techniques in term 1, before delving into the process of devising work for performance in term 2. There will be an informal performance for friends and family at the end of the semester.

Please contact ben@rebustheatre.com to express interest, or visit: rebustheatre.com/post/acting-out-act-out-act-up-play-hard

A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Would you like your school's event or student's work featured in our SAIS Newsletter? Please contact us at saisact@shfpact.org.au if you have photos of an event your school has run or examples of students' art, short pieces of creative writing or other projects that you and your students wish to have featured.

Please ensure that you have written consent from students prior to submitting their work, and that all student submissions are anonymous.

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WELCOME BACK

THE ACT SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (SAIS) WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2020.

We hope you had a great break, and that you are returning feeling well-rested and ready for the year.

We are here to provide you and your school with professional learning, expert advice and support throughout the year. Get in touch or visit our website for more information about how we can support your school community around inclusion in 2020.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our TQI-accredited SAIS Core Training is now available for 2020, featuring new and updated content. Get in touch to make a booking or inquiry for you and your school.
Email: saisact@shfpact.org.au

Term 1 Tuesday 10 March 2020 (Week 6)

Term 2 Tuesday 12 May 2020 (Week 3)

Term 3 Tuesday 11 August 2020 (Week 4)

Term 4 Tuesday 3 November 2020 (Week 4)

IMPORTANT 2020 DATES

3 March	Bullying noWay!	bullyingnoway.gov.au
31 March	Trans Day of Visibility	tdov.org
May 17th	IDAHOBIT International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia	idahobit.org.au
June (All Month)	LGBT Pride Month Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month	loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month
August (last Friday)	Wear it Purple	wearitpurple.org
23 September	Celebrate Bisexuality Day (Bi Visibility Day)	bivisibilityday.com
8 October	International Lesbian Day	
26 October	Intersex Awareness Day	intersexday.org/en/category/actions/awareness
8 November	Intersex Day of Solidarity	intersexday.org/en/intersex-day-of-solidarity
November (Second Week)	Transgender Awareness Week	glad.org/transweek
20 November	Trans Day of Remembrance	tdor.info
20 November	Universal Children's Day	un.org/en/events/childrenday
10 December	International Human Rights Day	un.org/en/events/humanrightsday

IDAHOBIT SUNDAY 17 MAY

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) started in 2004 and is held on May 17th each year. IDAHOBIT is a day to celebrate diversity, champion inclusion and commit to a better and more inclusive world for LGBTQI+ people. Mark this day in your calendars, host an event and take action! Visit idahobit.org.au for more deets, resources for schools, suggestions for events and initiatives and inspiration to start something at your school.

SAIS will be hosting an event for staff and students to mark IDAHOBIT. More information to come closer to the date!



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY 10 YEARS ON!

Wear It Purple was founded in 2010 in response to LGBTQI+ teen suicides from bullying and harrasment. Wear It Purple Day is a day to highlight your support of LGBTQI+ youth and to stand up against bullying and harrasment. Wear it Purple Day is held on the last Friday of August each year.

Visit wearitpurple.org for more information and resources to assist you and your school in celebrating Wear It Purple Day and standing up for LGBTQI+ youth.



YOUTH&I : A NEW INTERSEX RESOURCE FROM THE ACT

A new, local resource was launched in the ACT on 28 October, 2019, showcasing the voices, experience and talents of the intesex community through poetry, art and short writings. Produced and edited by Steph Lum, this resource brings together local, national and international intersex voices, to share and speak up about their experiences. This project has been supported by the ACT Capital of Equality grants program, run by the ACT government and administered by the Office for LGBTIQ Affairs and contains a rich and diverse range of stories and experiences.

This resource can be used to help students and staff develop their understanding of the experiences of intersex people, and to build awareness of the issues faced by intersex individuals, particularly intersex young people. Educator discretion around using this resource in class is advised as some of the works navigate complex themes and subject matter.

Parents and carers will also find material that may help them explain and discuss intersex variations with their children, and advice for parents of intersex children (pp. 46-49).

YOUth&I is available for free and can be downloaded at: darlington.org.au/youthandi

Print copies are available to borrow and purchase at a number of locations, details at: darlington.org.au/where-to-find-youthandi