

Connecting and respecting communities

Queerspace is an important community resource that respects and reflects the diversity and needs of local communities. We are committed to research and advocacy on issues that impact on LGBTIQ communities. We offer support that affirms, inspires and contributes to the resilience and connectedness of LGBTIQ individuals, families and children to their communities and service networks.



Drummond Street Services is the home of **Queerspace**, with a 40+ year history of providing services that reflects the diversity of local communities, including LGBTIQ communities, with a special focus on mental health and wellbeing, relationships, families, parenting, youth and recovery.

Queer – The LGBTIQ community has reclaimed the word QUEER to encompass all sexual and gender identities. Queer means inclusive of people who identify as gay, lesbian, intersex, transgender, trans and gender-diverse, transsexual, bisexual or questioning.

Queerspace home is at our Carlton location:

100 Drummond Street
Carlton, Vic 3053

Drummond Street offers queer friendly or queer identified services at all of our locations



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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.



Queerspace



Melbourne's own mental health and wellbeing service for the LGTBIQ+ community



Drummond Street Services



What is queerspace?

Queerspace provides a safe and supportive space to obtain information and support services aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing by specialist queer and queer friendly mental health practitioners.

What queerspace offers

- » Individual, couple and whole-of-family counselling
- » Relationship and parenting support services
- » Better Access and ATAPS counselling program
- » Youth counselling, support and groups programs
- » Group education and information community programs
- » Peer support and social activities

Promoting wellbeing

Building strong, healthy relationships can be a challenge when dealing with issues relating to intimacy, communication, conflict, parenting and families. LGBTIQ individuals, couples and their families often have additional stresses on their relationships – i.e. coming out, parenting and navigating medical and other service systems.

Promoting wellbeing through counselling, relationship and parenting support can help to strengthen relationship and parenting skills. **Queerspace** also supports important peer and social connections through group education and queer events.



Pathways to care

Queerspace offers a pathway to care that includes counselling for individuals and families experiencing, or at risk of, mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug use.

Queerspace can also offer short-term psychological counselling, in partnership with Melbourne Primary Health Care Network's Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) program. This program aims to address moderate mental health conditions based on a treatment plan by a General Practitioner (GP).

Supporting young people

Queerspace is committed to supporting LGBTIQ youth through specialist counselling, peer support and community learning activities, to have a voice in the development of programs and activities, to connect to supportive peers and be part of positive youth-led initiatives.



What makes us unique is:

- » Qualified and experienced mental health professionals
- » Queer affirmative services by LGBTIQ and queer friendly practitioners
- » Low cost or no cost counselling based on the capacity to pay
- » Accessible and flexible services and hours
- » Sensitive to the diversity of our communities and individual's needs, including sexual and gender identities
- » Evidence-based approaches
- » Pathways to care through Access to Allied Psychological Therapeutic Services (ATAPS) on behalf of the Melbourne Primary Health Care Network