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Forcibly Displaced
People Network

2025

Queer Displacements

Regional challenges, global
solidarity, practical solutions

Conference brochure

4-5 September 2025 | Victoria University
Naarm (Melbourne) Australia

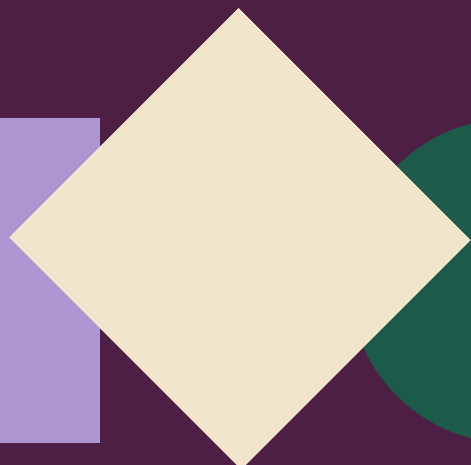
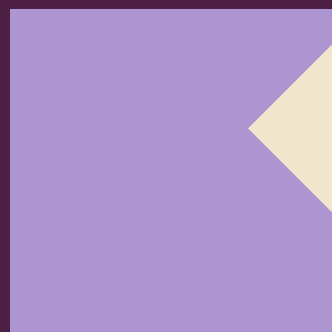


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Key dates

	Open	Close	Outcomes
Abstract submissions	November 9, 2024	January 27, 2025	early February 2025
Scholarship applications	November 9, 2024	January 27, 2025	early February 2025

	Early bird (15% off)	Standard	Presenter registration
Registration	opens December 1, 2024	from March 17, 2025	by June 15, 2025

Volunteer applications

open now

Support Scholarship fund

[Donate](#)

* time is indicated in AEDT time zone (Sydney/Melbourne)

Organiser

Forcibly Displaced People Network (FDPN) is the first registered LGBTIQ+ refugee-led organisation in Australia, working to address the protection and settlement challenges of LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people.

About the conference

The Queer Displacements Conference is the first and only event in the Asia-Pacific region that focuses on the intersectional challenges and solutions for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people. It offers a unique platform to foreground the voices and lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ people, building awareness, solidarity, and alliances to achieve justice, protection, and sustainable solutions.

Building on the success of previous conferences, **the 2025 Queer Displacements Conference will focus on the Asia-Pacific region**, where the intersection of forced displacement and criminalisation of LGBTIQ+ identities presents significant challenges. Many countries in the region host large refugee populations while criminalising LGBTIQ+ identities, making safe identification and refugee status determination (RSD) extremely difficult. The conference will explore innovative solutions through leadership, advocacy, and regional collaboration.

2025 conference theme

**Queer Displacements:
Regional Challenges, Global Solidarity, Practical Solutions**

4-5 September 2025, Naarm (Melbourne) Australia

Why attend

The Queer Displacements Conference is more than just a conference—it's a space for voices to be heard, alliances to be built, and change to be made.

Here's why you should join us in Melbourne in 2025:

- 1. Amplify lived experiences:** Hear directly from LGBTQIA+ people with lived experience of forced displacement. Engage with the community as experts by experience and learn proposed solutions.
- 2. Explore regional challenges to build global solidarity:** Engage with critical conversations about refugee protection, human rights, and advocacy across the Asia-Pacific. Join efforts to tackle intersectional challenges, from criminalisation to climate change-driven displacement.
- 3. Build networks, foster collaboration:** Meet and connect with community leaders, policymakers, activists, academics, and service providers. Forge partnerships that will continue long after the event, driving real-world impact.
- 4. Innovate solutions together:** Participate in interactive workshops, panels, and dialogue sessions to explore best practices and new ideas for supporting LGBTQIA+ forcibly displaced people in your work.



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explore the conference [website](#)

Be our champion

By sponsoring the Queer Displacements Conference, your organisation will connect with a unique network of migration and refugee leaders, policymakers, and grassroots organisations, while demonstrating your commitment to inclusion, equality, and justice. Build your visibility, strengthen your corporate social responsibility, and engage directly with marginalised communities to foster meaningful partnerships and solutions.

Main sponsorship packages:

Champion Human Rights (over \$24,000)		Champion Equality & Justice (\$20,000)
Contribute to Safer Spaces (\$15,000)	Mainstream Intersectionality (\$10,000)	Build Evidence & Impact (\$5,500)

We offer additional sponsorship packages, including:

Hospitality Sponsor (\$2,000)	Recharge & Rest Sponsor (\$4,000)
Welcome & Connections Sponsor (\$2,000)	In-Kind Sponsor
Essential Tools Sponsor (\$2,300)	Workplace Volunteering Sponsor

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Download [our Sponsorship Prospectus](#) for more details.

[Contribute to the Scholarship Fund](#)

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* All amounts are in AUD. Sponsorship amounts are exclusive of GST. 10% GST will be added. Contributions to the Scholarship fund are treated as donations and are tax deductible.

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Present

We invite abstract submissions under a range of focus areas aligned with the challenges and solutions specific to the Asia-Pacific region. Abstracts on other themes are welcome, provided they align with the main focus of the conference on the Asia-Pacific region and the challenges of LGBTIQ+ forced displacement.

Who can submit an abstract:

- Organisations based in the Asia-Pacific working on issues of LGBTIQ+ displacement
- Individuals and organisations working in Australia or any other countries supporting LGBTIQ+ communities from the Asia-Pacific region.

Overseas presenters will be provided with a visa invitation letter to support their participation. While online presentations may be available, we encourage in-person attendance. All presenters will be required to register. Discounted and free registrations may be available.

Read [the Abstract Submission Guidelines](#) on our website for all additional details.

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7:00AM November 9, 2024	11:59PM January 27, 2025	early February 2025

Submit your
abstract



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Focus areas for abstracts

Grassroots and Community-Led Advocacy in the Asia-Pacific	Criminalisation and LGBTIQ+ Forcibly Displaced People in the Asia-Pacific
RSD and Third-Country Processing: Challenges for LGBTIQ+ People Seeking Asylum	Intersectionality in Forced Displacement
Non-Refugee Convention Countries: Alternative Pathways for Protection	Climate Change and Displacement in the Pacific Islands and the Region
Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for LGBTIQ+ Forcibly Displaced People	Barriers to Education and Economic Integration for LGBTIQ+ Forcibly Displaced People
Safe Spaces: Reducing Harm in Refugee Camps and Shelters	Policy Innovations for LGBTIQ+ Refugee Protections in the Region
Australia and Other Global North Countries' Role in Addressing Displacement in the Asia-Pacific Region	The Role of Diaspora Communities in Supporting LGBTIQ+ Forcibly Displaced People from the Asia-Pacific
Settlement Services for LGBTIQ+ Forcibly Displaced People from the Asia-Pacific	Other relevant topics

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Get a scholarship

These scholarships are for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people to attend the 2025 Queer Displacements Conference.

We invite applications from LGBTIQ+ people who :

- are currently seeking asylum
- have been recognised as refugees
- are migrants from countries outside the global North
- experienced other form of displacement
- are internally displaced.

We aim to provide scholarships to LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people residing in Australia and a limited number of scholarships will be available for participants from the Asia Pacific region.

For more details about the scholarships, read [the Scholarship Guidelines](#) on our website.

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[Apply online](#)



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Attend

The Queer Displacements conference is for everyone!

If you are from an LGBTIQ+ peer-led organisation, this conference will help you better understand the intersection of LGBTIQ+ identities and forced displacement. Learn how to adapt your programs to become more inclusive of LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people and create safe, supportive spaces for their engagement.

If you are from a migrant or refugee organisation, you can learn how to better support LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people. This conference offers practical guidance on inclusive case management, mental health support, and building safe spaces for LGBTIQ+ people within settlement programs.

If you work in another community service, whether in housing, domestic and family violence, health, or other area, this conference will help you recognise that LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people are likely already using your services. Gain the tools and knowledge to provide more inclusive and culturally appropriate care.

If you are an academic, a policy professional or an advocate, whether or not you have worked with forcibly displaced LGBTIQ+ people before, this conference offers the opportunity to explore key research, policy trends, and best practices. Engage with community leaders, researchers, and advocates to develop evidence-based solutions and inform inclusive policy frameworks that address the needs of LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people across the Asia-Pacific region.

If you are an LGBTIQ+ person who experienced forced displacement, this conference offers you recognition as an expert, a connection to communities and opportunities for leadership.

Your presence at the conference helps to amplify marginalised and excluded communities. You contribute to change! Together, we can create a future where everyone belongs and thrives with dignity.



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Registration rates

opens
December 1,
2024

from March
17, 2025

Ticket type	Early bird rate (15% discount)	Standard rate
LGBTIQA+ forcibly displaced people (without a scholarship)	\$60	\$70
Small community or grassroots organisations, individual advocates with no organisational support and students (low or unwaged)	\$127	\$150
NGOs with an annual budget under 500,000 AUD and academics	\$298	\$350
NGOs with an annual budget over 500,000 AUD	\$425	\$500
Government and corporate	\$550	\$650
Hold a stall to showcase your work (additional fee, requires a ticket)	--	\$100

All prices are GST exclusive and in AUD. Registration is for 2 conference days, in-person attendance. One-day registrations are not offered. Online attendance may only be possible for selected sessions.

register on our [website](#)

Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to support various tasks before, during, and after the conference.

Volunteer Coordinator

Oversee the recruitment, training, and management of all volunteers. You will be the main point of contact for volunteers. You will coordinate volunteer shifts, solve problems as they arise, and ensure smooth communication between volunteers and conference organisers.

When: Before, during, and after the conference.

Fundraising Coordinator

Identify potential fundraising opportunities and assist with grant applications, sponsorship proposals, and crowdfunding efforts.

When: Immediately until the start of the conference

Social Media Volunteer (Pre-Conference)

Create engaging posts, stories, and updates for the conference's social media platforms. Help promote the event.

When: from now until the conference.

Social Media Volunteer (During Conference)

Post real-time updates, photos, and highlights during the event.

When: During the conference.

Photography

Take professional photos to capture key moments during the conference.

When: During the conference.

Video Recording Station Lead

Help manage the video recording booth where attendees can share their reflections about the conference.

When: During the conference.

Online Support

Assist with managing online sessions by monitoring chat, handling technical issues, and supporting remote speakers.

When: During the conference.

Airport Pick-Up & Drop-Off Support

Help greet and assist conference attendees arriving at and departing from the airport.

When: The day before the conference starts and the day after it ends.

Registration Desk and General Assistance

Help at the registration desk. Provide general assistance such as operating roaming microphones during sessions. Help with setting up before the event and packing down after the event concludes.

When: During the conference.

Report Writing

Assist in documenting the event by taking notes, compiling session summaries, and helping to prepare the final conference report.

When: During and after the conference.

Volunteer benefits

Volunteers are an essential part of the conference, and we want to recognise your contributions.

Volunteers will receive the following benefits:

1. Free registration for the full conference, including access to all sessions and events.
2. Meals provided during shifts
3. Networking opportunities with conference participants, speakers, and experts.
4. A certificate of participation to acknowledge your contribution.
5. Experience and skills development in event management, social media, and more.
6. Opportunities to attend sessions during non-duty times.

We are accepting volunteers on a rolling basis. Priority is currently given to the roles that can start now.

[apply today](#)



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Will you join us to make an impact?

