

# Participant Info Pack 2025

This program is delivered by Inclusion Solutions and funded by Pride Foundation Australia.







#### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Infinity X Career Program aims to empower individuals with diverse experiences and skills toward achieving their career dreams. We are not focused on cookie-cutter approaches to career growth, but instead, aim to:

- Empower participants with skills around embracing their living/lived experience
- Grow skills for self-advocacy in professional settings
- Working toward employment pathways that are sustainable, accessible, and supportive
- Find employers that value and embrace diverse experiences
- Understand your own interpersonal skills in more depth
- Increase self-confidence and strengthen career planning skills
- Provide new lived experience career role models and guest speakers

This program is designed to empower LGBTQIA+ individuals living in regional and rural Australia, with a focus on providing career development and exploration tools to individuals with experiences of disability, mental health challenges, and those who are neurodivergent. We're looking for a new cohort of participants eager to discover new career opportunities! If you – or anyone you know – are ready to take the first steps toward a dream career, we strongly encourage you to apply by filling out the online application form on last page of booklet.

Note: This program is not affiliated with or endorsed by a particular employment or disability service provider, and you do NOT need to be on NDIS to be eligible.

#### **Current Host Hub Locations 2025\***

\*You do not have to attend a host hub, and can attend online from any regional area in Australia.

#### **Geraldton**

Freedom centre (over 18) / Headspace (under 18)

#### Karratha

**JSC and Epic Community Services** 

#### **Bunbury**

Richmind WA (over 18) and City of Bunbury Library (under 18)

#### **Serpentine**

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#### **Kalgoorlie**

Sandalwood Family Centre (over 18) and TLC Centre (under 18)

#### **Albany**

Venue TBC

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Day: Tuesdays

Length of Program: 6 weeks (2 hours per week)

#### Dates:

11 March 25 - Session 1

18 March 25 - Session 2

25 March 25 - Session 3

1 April 25 - Session 4

8 April 25 - Session 5

15 April 25 - Session 6

**TWO STREAMS:** UNDER 18 AND OVER 18

Guest Speakers will present to both.

UNDER 18 TIME SLOT: 3.30PM - 5.30PM AWST

**OVER 18 TIME SLOT: 12.30-2.30PM AWST** 

Venue: Online via Microsoft Teams or attend Physical Host Hub Space \*if available near you.

# **Guest Speakers 2025**



#### **Gabriel Osborne (he/they)**

Gabriel identifies as an Autistic, ADHD, bisexual, transgender man. He spent most of his childhood in the Wheatbelt, having lived in Southern Cross, Wongan Hills and Northam. In 2022 Gabriel started an online support group for survivors of religious abuse. His group grew into a social justice movement which led him to speaking at parliament, using his lived experience to help draft legislation and working with lawyers to get justice for himself and other survivors. Gabriel now studies Law & Society, part time at UWA while continuing his advocacy work.



#### Clare Gibbellini (she/they)

Clare is a woman with multiple disabilities, including Autism and a passionate advocate for the inclusion of people with disability in all areas of the community. In addition to serving on multiple boards such as the *Inclusive Rainbow Voices* Board, and steering committees. Clare is a Lived Experience Co-Researcher with the University of Sydney, specializing in Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction.

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#### Joe Fitch (he/him)

Joe is a passionate social justice advocate based in the Wheatbelt, renowned for his ability to connect with individuals and create lasting change. In his role with People With disabilities WA (PWdWA), Joe empowers people to navigate complex systems, understand their rights, and build confidence through gentle and effective guidance. Drawing on extensive experience in business and volunteering, he has become a trusted voice in the community. As a co-founder of Square Peg Community Supports, Joe has been instrumental in addressing service gaps. His dedication to fostering inclusivity and equity shines through in his work, helping others feel heard, educated, and supported to take control of their lives.



#### Jordina Quain (she/ her)

Jordina Quain is an advocate and educator of accessible comprehensive sexuality and relationships education. She has worked in the youth and disability sector for over 10 years, specialising in the development of sexuality resources and education for people with disability, multicultural populations and alternative education settings. Raised regionally and identifying as a queer, disabled individual, Jordina is passionate about all forms of inclusion, intersectionality, and co-design.



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#### Tara Mcrobbie-Rout (she/her)

Tara (she/her) is a proud queer woman with an invisible disability and a fourth-generation Kalgoorlie local. As the Manager of the Goldfields Community Legal Centre, she is a passionate advocate for access to justice and community empowerment.

Beyond her legal work, Tara wears many fabulous hats—serving on the boards of Goldfields Pride and the Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre, championing inclusivity, equity, and well-being.

With a rich background spanning both corporate and community sectors, Tara is a true "Queen of all trades" who thrives on collaboration, innovation, and a good challenge. She's not just here to share her expertise—she's just as excited to learn from those around her because knowledge is a two-way street.

Expect energy, authenticity, and a whole lot of heart when Tara's in the room!

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#### **Program Facilitators**



#### Poppy Sloan (she/her)

Poppy is a proud queer, neurodivergent person who values contributing to sustainable community care practices and disability justice. With a background in Youth Work, Gender & Diversity Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Community Development. Poppy brings curiosity, creativity, and compassion to her work. Poppy has strong experience in workshop development and delivery and has previously worked in disability support work, consent education, community engagement, performing arts, and mentoring roles. Poppy is super proud to be part of the LGBTQIA+ community and cares deeply about creating a more colourful and kind world for the next generation.



#### Ben Quick (he/they)

Ben is a proud queer, physically disabled, trans autistic person who holds a Bachelor in Neuroscience and is currently studying their honours. In their worklife, Ben has worked in the sporting space for Thriving in Motion to deliver exercise programs for youth with marginalised experiences (Igbtqia+, disabled, neurodivergent, CaLD, and others). Anyone who faces barriers to traditional exercise classes is welcome! Ben also works as a theatre teacher, and co-facilitates the Autism Mentoring Group and the Spanish Club at UWA.



**APPLY NOW!** 

### **Safety and Confidentiality**

Nervous about joining us for the program?

#### Here are some of the ways we aim to keep you safe and respect your privacy:

- ·Our program title Infinity X Career program is discreet the program title won't 'out' you as LGBTQIA+ if you're taking part, but not out in all areas of your life.
- ·You have the flexibility to attend online or in person.
- ·You can choose whether to have you camera on or off for the calls.
- ·We will never force you to turn your camera on!
- ·The staff and guest speakers understand that everyone is at a different place in their pride journey and will be respectful of that.
- ·You can attend a host hub (if there is one in your region) if you would feel more comfortable than attending from home.
- ·Host hubs will have a staff member present who has good understanding of privacy, respect, and LGBTQIA+/ disability experiences.
- ·Your confidentiality will be respected we won't share any personal details about you with anyone outside of the sessions.
- ·All staff involved in the project have relevant lived experience, so they understand some of your experiences!

## **QUESTIONS?**

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