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'CHANGE YOUR ID DAY' GOES VIRTUAL

Monday 18 May, 1pm

Victoria's only free legal service for the LGBTIQ community will host the first ever virtual **Change Your ID Day** this month. The live online session will provide practical information on how trans and gender diverse Victorians can change their name and preferred sex descriptors on legal identification documents, in a safe and affirming environment. The previously in-person event has been adapted online due to considerations to health and safety in the current pandemic.

Coinciding with **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)**, Change Your ID Day plays an integral role in ensuring all members of the trans and gender diverse community feel appropriately identified and represented fairly within the state legal system.

The **free 90-minute webinar** hosted by [LGBTIQ Legal Service \(LLS\)](#), a health justice partnership between [St Kilda Legal Service](#) and [Thorne Harbour Health](#), will form part of [Law Week 2020](#) supported by [Victoria Law Foundation](#).

The session will be led by **LLS Coordinator, Sam Elkin**, and is open to trans and gender diverse Victorians of all ages including minors and their parents and caregivers. Lawyers and community workers are also encouraged to attend to understand how they can assist their clients. A panel of legal and community representatives will discuss the application process for changing records of sex or preferred sex descriptors on legal identification documents such as Vicroads drivers licenses, Australian passports, Medicare cards and Victorian birth certificates.

Representatives from [Births, Deaths and Marriages](#) will join Sam in explaining important new reforms to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996, effective 1 May 2020. The legal changes remove barriers for Victorians seeking to change the record of sex in their birth registration, including the need to undergo surgery or medical transformations.

Event attendees will also hear from **Executive Director of [Transgender Victoria](#), Margot Fink**, about the importance of these reforms for the trans and gender diverse community, and **Co-founder of [Rainbow Families Victoria](#), Felicity Marlowe**, will speak about the legal changes from the perspective of a parent of a non-binary child.

Celebrating its second year, LGBTIQ Legal Service's Change Your ID Day has helped support **over 40 Victorians** change their name and preferred sex descriptors on legal identification documents. Victoria's only free legal service for the LGBTIQ community is reliant on funding, and without ongoing financial assistance this year's Change Your ID Day threatens to be their last.

"As it stands, funding for the LGBTIQ Legal Service is soon coming to an end so this may be the last Change Your ID Day we are able to facilitate for the community," said Sam Elkin.

"We are always looking for new funding opportunities to support our vital service, and are always eager to hear from any law firms, barristers, law students or lawyers who may be interested in sharing their expertise with the community."

WHEN: Monday 18 May, 1pm - 2:30pm

WHERE: Zoom (meeting details provided upon registration)

REGISTRATION:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/change-your-id-online-info-share-session-2020-by-lgbtqi-legal-service-tickets-103295948964>

FACEBOOK EVENT: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2843734895708284/>

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