

Suggest Something We Could be Doing

Got an idea for an event, activity or service that could be run at ZBGC? Whether it's a workshop you would like to attend or run, a service that ZBGC should offer, an improvement to our website or something else altogether, we're open to suggestions. Contact us with your ideas!

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Contribute to Our Resources Directory

Our online Resources Directory is a searchable, Australia-wide directory of local practitioners, groups and organisations that are of interest to the sex and gender diverse community. Want to help us build the most comprehensive directory possible? Take a few minutes to suggest or update a resource. Listings are free.

<http://gendercentre.com/resources-directory/>

Connect with Others

Use our website to connect with others in the sex and gender diverse community. Visit the Noticeboard to browse the ads or post your own free ad. Learn and share your knowledge with others using our Questions and Answers site.

<http://gendercentre.com/answers>

Subscribe to Our eNews

To stay informed about ZBGC news and events, subscribe to our eNews.

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<http://twitter.com/zoebellegc>

Attend a ZBGC Event

ZBGC sometimes stages events. These events attract attendees from many different sections of the community. Events we've held so far include an afternoon tea on the rooftop of our current premises and a workshop for lovers and partners of transfolk. A great way to find out about ZBGC events is to subscribe to our eNews.

<http://tinyurl.com/ZBGC-mailinglist>

Volunteer

Are you interested in joining the ZBGC Working Group or helping ZBGC as a casual volunteer? Twice a year, we call for expressions of interest to join the Working Group. Please contact us for more information about volunteering.

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Donate Money to ZBGC

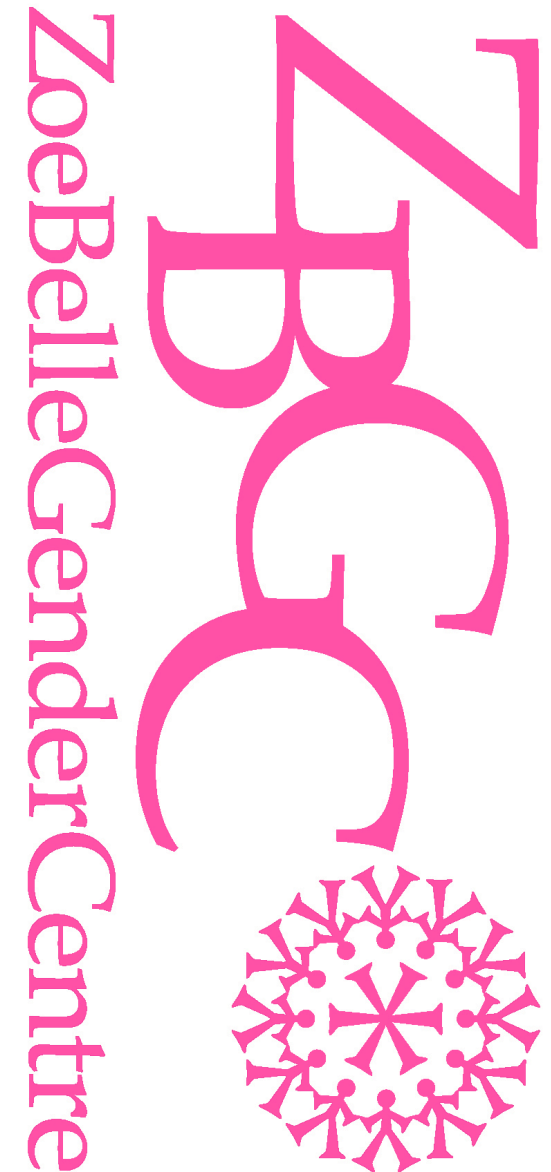
The goal of establishing a gender centre in Victoria has been discussed within the local transgender community for many years. Help us to realise this vision by donating money to ZBGC. You will be able to make tax-deductible donations via our website soon! For now, please contact us if you'd like to donate.

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Who we are

Currently being established, Zoe Belle Gender Centre (ZBGC) will be a centre to support and improve the health and wellbeing of Victoria's sex and gender diverse population.

What We Want (Our Vision)

A society that values people of all sex and gender identities and expressions

Our Role In Achieving This (Our Mission)

To support and improve the health and wellbeing of people of all genders. We view health holistically to assist, inform, enliven and advocate for our communities

What We Do

- Provide support, information and referrals
- Run events, workshops and campaigns to inform, enliven and strengthen our communities
- Host groups and services that are complementary to our Mission
- Improve the healthcare of trans* and gender variant people
- Advocate and educate about issues of gender diversity

ZBGC Working Group

ZBGC is being established by a crew of people called the ZBGC Working Group. The Working Group spans a wide range of fields including health promotion, community development, law, psychology, communications and accountancy.

Our History

The need to establish a gender centre in Victoria has been informally discussed within the local transgender community for many years. In discussing our history, we acknowledge the work of those who have contributed towards various efforts to establish such a centre for Victoria.

In July 2007, a group of people met to discuss the possibility of establishing a Melbourne-based centre to support and improve the health and wellbeing of Victoria's sex and gender diverse population. After further meetings, this working group held a community consultation in October 2007. Consisting of a public meeting and an on-line survey, the consultation collected valuable information to guide the group's work.

On 15 January 2008, a member of the working group, Zoe Belle, passed away. In tribute to Zoe Belle and her activism, the proposed gender centre became known as the Zoe Belle Gender Centre (ZBGC), with the working group known as the Zoe Belle Gender Centre Working Group.

In May 2008, {also} – a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community organisation – offered to provide some facilities for ZBGC's operations. Now based at {also}'s premises in the city, we are continuing to work towards the goal of establishing a gender centre for Victoria.

Our Name

We are named in tribute to a former member of our Working Group, the late Zoe Belle.

Zoe was involved in this current initiative to establish a gender centre for Victoria right from its inception. She saw very clearly the need for such a centre and she passionately articulated this need – both in person and online (via her memorable emails which were written in pink text).

But the drive to establish a gender centre was only one aspect of Zoe's wide-ranging activism.

As this 2008 tribute to Zoe from the group Trans Melbourne Gender Project says:



“...Zoe was passionate about trans rights, and wanted to make a difference in the world. She was meticulous in her work and presentation, and was a valued team member and friend. She had her finger in many, many pies. In fact, she was involved in so many projects that it is almost impossible to think of a trans- or queer-related event that has taken place in Melbourne recently without her presence. She was the main organiser of Trans/Destinations, the first dedicated trans conference in Melbourne, which is about to happen as part of the Midsumma Festival. But she wasn't just interested in one issue: Zoe saw the big picture, and was also committed to disability rights, queer rights, feminist politics and anti-violence work...”

