

Are you an LGBTQ+ person (16 years or over) who has accessed or tried to access mental health and/or alcohol and other drug services in Australia?

Did these services meet your needs?

Who should provide these services to LGBTQ+ people and what should they look like?

Join us as a **Community Advisory Group** member on **Optimise+**, a national research study, and help us guide a project that seeks answers to these questions from LGBTQ+ people across Australia.

We hope your contributions can help improve how mental health and alcohol and other drug services are delivered to LGBTQ+ people.

Community Advisory Group members will:

- 1. Provide feedback on research activities and materials
- 2. Attend meetings with researchers
- 3. Learn more about research processes
- 4. Develop skills and experience
- 5. Be paid for their time

Applications to join the Optimise+ Community Advisory Group are open to all LGBTQ+ people aged 16 or over who have accessed or attempted to access mental health and/or alcohol and other drug services. We encourage people with a disability, from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, living with HIV, from a migrant or refugee background, living in a rural or regional area and/or with a neurodivergence to apply.

Community Advisory Group meetings will be held up to three times per year until 2028. Members will be paid \$100 per 1-hour meeting. A small amount of additional work outside of meetings, also remunerated, may also be required.

Express your interest here: https://redcap.link/qg4doxc7

Optimise+ is run by researchers from La Trobe University, The Kids Research Institute, University of Western Australia, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney and University of Exeter (UK).

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