

Details

Close date

Wednesday, 20 April 2017

Academic background

Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities

Host campus

Wellington

On-campus or via distance?

On-campus

Qualifications

Masters

Department

Department of Public Health

Supervisor

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Overview

PhD Studentship Project Title

Homelessness among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer People: understanding the experience and developing holistic solutions

This project is part of the MBIE funded Housing First programme, and comes with a \$30K scholarship for 3 years. Experience of LGBTIQ issues is required.

Background

Many LGBTIQ people experience homelessness and many more are in precarious housing. These are vulnerable individuals who are subject to stigma and victimisation as a result of historical and continuing prejudice. There is no detailed and up-to-date knowledge about this group, how they become homeless and their ongoing needs, including where they are and the housing, health and other services they require.

New Zealand is rapidly moving from a single government controlled provider of social housing (Housing New Zealand) to a diverse model of social housing provision. In this model housing is provided by a range of church and community housing organizations which have been tasked with providing a more modern holistic treatment of homelessness. However, these groups at the forefront of addressing homelessness are unaware of the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Intersex and Queer people (LGBTIQ) and do not have knowledge, policies or training on how to support them. However there are no routes for communication between housing providers and agencies and the potentially helpful LGBTIQ community agencies that could play a role in providing information and in supporting LGBTIQ individuals on their pathway out of homelessness.

The Research Topic

The Phd Topic will be developed between the student and the supervisory team. Likely elements include:

Interviewing homeless LGBTIQ people seeking to include their voices in debates on their housing situations and the associated issues and, then drawing on the knowledge of the LGBTIQ community organizations to develop understanding of how their complex needs of these people can be met.

Specific evidence on the experiences of homeless LGBTIQ people with housing providers, including private landlords, boarding house operators and social landlords.

Assessing the complex needs of the LGBTIQ homeless community, including treating them in a holistic manner that respects their culture and identity, in the context of modern approaches to dealing with homeless such as "Housing First", a modern wrap-around services approach to homelessness,

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