LGBTI and AGEING
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex
Online Resources

This resource provides opportunities for professionals, individuals, families, and organisations to easily access resources that may deepen their understanding of LGBTI experiences and communities. There is a strong focus on the wisdom of LGBTI elders’ lived experience however many of the resources and stories, particularly on pages 5-8, relate to LGBTI communities across the lifespan. Please note an internet connection is required to access this resource. Just click on the blue underlined text to open the link.

- **Video Resources**

  **Brian and Norm’s Story** ABC 360 documentaries [17 mins]
  “Putting someone you love into a nursing home is heartbreaking for anyone but imagine visiting the person you’ve shared most of your life with and not being able to show them any affection. This is a story of the everyday things that bring two lives together, and the terrible loneliness once they have been separated.”
  www.abc.net.au
  Part 1 [9 mins]   Part 2 [8 mins]

  **LGBTI People and Dementia** Alzheimer’s Australia [3 – 8 mins]
  Tony and Paul [3 mins]
  Desi [3 mins]
  Mary and Thelma [8 mins]   www.fightdementia.org.au

  **LGBT Elders** – Oral History [11 mins]
  “This short film captures the perspective of eleven LGBT seniors in Los Angeles who came of age during a time in which imprisonment, daily discrimination, physical violence and abuse were commonplace.” www.youtube.com - LGBTI Oral History

  **Mr. Duckett and Dr. Jones** [3 mins]
  “Together 46 years, through Dr. Jones’ deployment to Vietnam, shared fatherhood with an adopted child, and then grandfatherhood, and everything else that comes with a lifetime spent together.”
  www.youtube.com

  **The LGBTI Seniors Experience: Part 1** [7 mins] **Part 2** [7 mins]
  “The current generation of LGBT seniors came of age amidst the profound social changes of the 1950’s 60’s, and 70’s. Their stories reflect queer history from the isolation of the past, to the triumphs of the present day.” www.youtube.com

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Forgotten Voices [10 mins]
“The four people in the film have dedicated their lives to Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender issues. It is because of people like them that we can celebrate Pride and enjoy the freedoms and rights we have today. This film is a tribute to them and to everyone who has stood up for the rights of the LGBT community.” Tom Barber

Joe’s Story [7 mins]
“Against his will, Joe was moved from Houston, Texas where he lived with his partner of 22 years and placed in a nursing home in St. Louis, MO under the name John Doe - so his partner couldn’t find him.”
www.youtube.com

Home For All – Stop Discrimination in Aged Care [2 mins]
Matrix Guild Victoria... raising awareness of the health, housing and care needs of older lesbians. Anneke Deutsch speaks about sexuality and discrimination in aged care. www.matrixguildvic.org.au

You Have to Know Who I Am [10mins]
"To Treat Me, You Have to Know Who I Am": “New York City Health and Hospitals launched a mandatory employee training program that will improve access to healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and help to reduce health disparities related to sexual orientation and gender identification.”
www.youtube.com

A Place to Live [3 mins]
“The Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing Triangle Square Story. Join us in the making of A Place to Live, a historic documentary that will chronicle the journey of seven brave individuals as they attempt to secure a home in Triangle Square in Los Angeles, the nation’s first affordable housing facility for lesbian & gay seniors.”
www.youtube.com

Opening Doors [6 mins]
Opening Doors London, with Age UK Camden as the lead agency and in partnership with Age UK’s across London, is the biggest project providing information and support services to LGBT men and women aged 50 and above from across London. www.lgbtiageing.org

A Wider Path LGBTI Elders and Spirituality [29 mins]
“Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders share their spiritual journeys and why religion and spirituality have been important to them. Their experiences are framed by the history of stigma experienced by senior generations, as well as their strength and resilience.”
www.youtube.com

Cheryl and Elizabeth’s Story [7 mins]
“Cheryl and Elizabeth tell of how they met and how their faith in religion, and each other, keep them connected.”
www.sageusa.org

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**SAGE** A range of videos from the USA based Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE). [www.sageusa.org](http://www.sageusa.org)

**Twenty short videos** [between 1 – 10 mins long] sharing the stories and lived experiences of many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people. Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV) use these videos as part their training. [www.glhv.org.au](http://www.glhv.org.au)

**Sexual, Diversity and Ageing** Dr. Catherine Barrett [17 mins]  
“As part of the La Trobe University 'Big Fat Idea' series Catherine Barrett filmed her 'big fat idea' for a society that is inclusive of older LGBTI people.” [www.latrobe.edu.au/big-fat-ideas](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/big-fat-ideas)

**Too Old to Remember:** [5 mins]  
“Commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for their event, A Better Life, this song is composed out of the stories of older LGBT people. It is sung by members of Out Aloud Choir.” [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**Movie Trailers**  
*DVDs need to be region 4 to play in Australia*

**Gen Silent**  PG rating [4 mins]  
Multi award winning documentary following the lives of six LGBT elders. “GLBT older people who fought the first battles for equality now face so much fear of discrimination, bullying and abuse that many are hiding their lives to survive... But a growing number of people are fighting to keep LGBT aging from meaning aging in silence.” [www.stumaddux.com](http://www.stumaddux.com) Available for loan via the Alzheimer's Australia NSW library.

**Cloudburst**  MA rating [2 mins]  
“Multi award winning film starring Oscar®-winning actresses Olympia Dukakis and Brenda Fricker as Stella and Dot, an ageing couple who escape from a nursing home in Maine and drive to Nova Scotia on a quest to be legally married.” [www.cloudburstmovie.com](http://www.cloudburstmovie.com)

**Stonewall Uprising Documentary**  Not rated [2 mins]  
“These two seminal documentaries tell the remarkable tale of how homosexuals, a heretofore hidden and despised group, became a vibrant and integral part of America’s family, and, indeed, the world community. Experience the fascinating and unforgettable history of homosexuality in America through eye-opening historical footage and interviews with those who lived through it.” [www.programsforelderly.com](http://www.programsforelderly.com)

**Silent Pioneers: Gay and Lesbian Elders**  Not rated [5 mins]  
“This classic award-winning, Emmy Nominated documentary which was produced in 1985, is about the joys and challenges of being old and gay in America.” [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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**Liberty: 3 Stories about Life and Death** Not rated [2 mins]
“This extraordinary work interweaves the stories of three close lesbian friends: Joyce Fulton (66), who died over the course of two years from a brain tumor; Mary Bell Wilson (79), who, with indefatigable courage, faces up to her own losing battle with lymphoma; and Nan Golub (58), a black-leather-jacketed, platinum-dyed New York City artist, very much alive. Liberty demystifies death, dispels misinformation about age and sexual orientation, and reminds us that life is worth living, even worth celebrating.”

[www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com)

**Before You Know It** Not rated [4 mins]
What We Can Learn From the LGBT Senior Community
“This is a film about generational trailblazers who have surmounted prejudice and defied expectation to form communities of strength, renewal and camaraderie. An affirmation of life and human resilience told with humor and candor, BEFORE YOU KNOW IT confirms that you are never too old to reshape society.”

[www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com)

**Pride** M rating [3 mins]
“PRIDE is inspired by an extraordinary true story. It’s the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers’ families. Initially rebuffed by the Union, the group identifies a tiny mining village in Wales and sets off to make their donation in person. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.”

[www.cbsfilms.com](http://www.cbsfilms.com)

**One Wedding and a Revolution** Not rated [2 mins]
“On February 12, 2004, the mayor of San Francisco ordered city officials to allow lesbian and gay couples to get married. Pioneering activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, celebrating their 51st anniversary, had the privilege of being the first couple to tie the knot.”

[www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com)

**88 Years in the Closet** Not rated [2 mins]
“Loraine Barr was born in 1918 and kept her sexuality secret for 88 years. When she revealed the truth in Newsweek magazine in 2007 she set the blogs ablaze. This short film tells the story of Loraine Barr, following her as she prepares to join 1800 other women on an ‘Olivia’ lesbian-only cruise out of San Diego.”

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**Edie and Thea: A Very Long Engagement** Not rated [2 mins]
“After 42 years, feisty and delightful lesbian couple Edie and Thea are finally getting married. From the early ’60s to the present day, the tireless community activists persevere through many battles, both personal and political. These two compassionate and brave women are a model of courage and strength that speaks to everyone, of any age.”

[www.sndfilms.com](http://www.sndfilms.com)

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**Word is Out** Not rated [5 mins]

“Thirty years ago, in 1978, 'Word is Out: Stories of Some of Our Lives' startled audiences across the country when it appeared in movie theaters and on television. The first feature-length documentary about lesbian and gay identity made by gay filmmakers, the film had a huge impact when it was released and became an icon of the emerging gay rights movement of the 1970s.” This is the trailer of the 30th anniversary DVD. [www.milestonefilms.com](http://www.milestonefilms.com)

**XXXY** Not rated [13 mins]

“‘XXXY’ is a movie that features two people born intersex, Kristi Bruce, and Howard Devore, along with family members and a clinician. The film has received multiple awards and is an important contribution to debates around the treatment of intersex people, revealing issues which remain as relevant today as they were in 2000.” The movie has been released as part of the Interface Project. [www.oiio.org.au](http://www.oiio.org.au)

### Resources

**National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Strategy**

This Federal Government Strategy is designed to not only raise awareness of the issues but also, in a very concrete way, improve the ageing and aged care experience of LGBTI people, recognising and valuing the diversity of this group. [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

**ACON**

ACON is New South Wales’ leading health promotion organisation specialising in HIV and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) health. ACON provides free [LGBTI training](http://www.acon.org.au) for the aged care sector both online and face-to-face. [www.acon.org.au](http://www.acon.org.au)

**National LGBTI Health Alliance**

The National LGBTI Health Alliance is the national peak health organisation in Australia for organisations and individuals that provide health-related programs, services and research focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people and other sexuality and gender diverse (LGBTI) people and communities. [www.lgbtihealth.org.au](http://www.lgbtihealth.org.au)

**Alzheimer’s Australia, NSW Library Resources**

Val’s Café  Val’s Café is a Victorian organisation that works alongside service providers in a number of ways to create inclusive services for older LGBTI people. These include: education, networking, resource development, capacity building, advocacy, policy and strategy and workforce support and development.

Some free resources include:

- **My Story My People** This is a resource developed by Val’s Café in consultation with community representatives and service providers.
- **Everyday Angels** Celebrating the achievements of staff working in aged care
- **Social connection, relationships, and older lesbian and gay people** This paper presents data from a small study exploring the impacts of homophobia on the lives of older lesbian and gay Australians. [www.valscafe.org.au](http://www.valscafe.org.au)

Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria Online Resource Library

The GLHV online library has extensive information about GLBTI health and associated subjects. Content is classified by subject area and target audience. If you can’t find the item you’re looking for, there is also a full-text search option. [www.glhv.org.au](http://www.glhv.org.au)

GLBTI Inclusive Practice  Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria

Various online resources including:

- Beyond we treat everyone the same
- Beyond a Rainbow Sticker
- GLHV audit tool
- Transgender guidelines

The Matrix Guild Victoria Inc

Raising awareness of the health, housing and care needs of older lesbians. Free resources include:

- **My People**: Exploring the experiences of GLBT in aged care, 2008
- **My People**: Interim Findings
- **Permission to Speak**: Determining strategies towards the development of GLBT friendly aged care services, 2009

Queensland AIDS Council and LGBTI Seniors Community Visiting Scheme  The Queensland AIDS Council (QuAC) is an independent community based health promotion charity. [www.qahc.org.au](http://www.qahc.org.au)

Working It Out  Tasmania’s Gender, Sexuality and Intersex status support and education service. [www.workingitout.org.au](http://www.workingitout.org.au)

The Rainbow Tick  - The Rainbow Tick is the only LGBTI inclusive practice accreditation available, not only in Australia, but internationally. Developed by GLHV in partnership with QICSA [www.glhv.org.au](http://www.glhv.org.au)

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Wear it With Pride – Australian website highlighting current reform in LGBTI issues www.wearitwithpride.com.au

The Gender Centre
The Gender Centre is committed to developing and providing services and activities which enhance the ability of transgender and gender diverse people to make informed choices. We are also committed to educating the families, friends, public and other service providers about the needs of transgender and gender diverse people. www.gendercentre.org.au

OII Australia – Intersex Australia OII Australia is a national body by and for intersex people. Our goals are to help create a society where sex differences are not stigmatised, and where our rights as people are recognised. www.oii.org.au

Twenty10 Twenty10 incorporating Gay and Lesbian Counselling Services NSW is a community-based, non-profit, state-wide organisation, working with and supporting people of diverse genders, sexes and sexualities, their families and communities. www.twenty10.org.au

The Aged Rights Service Top Ten Legal Questions to Consider for Older LGBTI Australians www.tars.com.au

GRAI - GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc
GRAI is a Western Australian community-based group with a mission to create a responsive and inclusive mature age environment that promotes and supports a quality life for older and ageing people of diverse sexualities and gender identities. www.grai.org.au

Transcend Support
Transcend is a grass roots, unfunded peer support network. Parents of transgender children support one another and share their own experiences of raising a transgender child. www.transcendsupport.com.au


SAGE Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) is the USA’s largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. www.sageusa.org

Out and Visible: Experiences and Attitudes of LGBT Older Adults, Ages 45-75 October 2014 www.sageusa.org

Outfront – An Antidote to Alienation [article about the Friendly Visitors Scheme]. www.outfrontonline.com
TED talks
www.ted.com

Andrew Solomon: Love, No Matter What [23 mins]
“What is it like to raise a child who's different from you in some fundamental way... What's the line between unconditional love and unconditional acceptance?” www.ted.com

Andrew Solomon: How the Worst Moments in our Lives Make Us Who We Are [20 mins]
“In a moving, heartfelt and at times downright funny talk, Solomon gives a powerful call to action to forge meaning from our biggest struggles.” www.ted.com

LZ Granderson; The Myth of the Gay Agenda [18 minutes]
“In a humorous talk with an urgent message, LZ Granderson points out the absurdity in the idea that there’s a “gay lifestyle,” much less a “gay agenda” www.ted.com

Ash Beckham: We’re all Hiding Something. Let’s find the courage to open up [10 mins]
“In this touching talk, Ash Beckham offers a fresh approach to empathy and openness. It starts with understanding that everyone, at some point in their life, has experienced hardship. The only way out, says Beckham, is to open the door and step out of your closet.” www.ted.com

Sally Cohen: Let’s Try Emotional Correctness [6 mins]
“It’s time for liberals and conservatives to transcend their political differences and really listen to each other, says political pundit Sally Kohn. It’s not about political correctness, she says, but rather, emotional correctness.” (Contains profanity) www.ted.com

iO Tillett Wright: Fifty Shades of Gay [18 mins]
“Artist iO Tillett Wright has photographed 2,000 people who consider themselves somewhere on the LGBTQ spectrum and asked many of them: Can you assign a percentage to how gay or straight you are? Most people, it turns out, consider themselves to exist in the gray areas of sexuality... which presents a real problem when it comes to discrimination: Where do you draw the line?” www.ted.com

Joel Burns – A Message to Gay Teens: it gets better [13 mins]
“In a courageous, intensely emotional talk at the city council in Fort Worth, Texas, councilman Joel Burns reaches out to the targets of teen bullying — kids who are gay, perceived as gay, or just different — with a vital message about their lives, and the harassment they face.” www.ted.com

Yoruba Richen - What the Gay Rights Movement Learned from the Civil Rights Movement [18 mins]
“As a member of both the African American and LGBT communities, filmmaker Yoruba Richen is fascinated with the overlaps and tensions between the gay rights and the civil rights movements. She explores how the two struggles intertwine and propel each other forward — and, in an unmissable argument, she dispels a myth about their points of conflict. A powerful reminder that we all have a stake in equality.” www.ted.com

Brené Brown – The Power of Vulnerability [20 mins]
“Brené Brown studies human connection — our ability to empathize, belong, love. In a poignant, funny talk, she shares a deep insight from her research, one that sent her on a personal quest to know herself as well as to understand humanity.” www.ted.com

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General LGBTI videos

**Being Me – Four Corners Documentary** [46 mins]
Excellent documentary from the ABC Four Corners program on growing up transgender. [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)

**LGBT Center NYC** A range of short YouTube videos
[www.youtube.com/user/LGBTCenterNYC/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/LGBTCenterNYC/videos)

**Silence Helps Homophobia** – LGBTI Youth Scotland [7mins]
“LGBT Youth Scotland is a national youth organisation working towards the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people in the life of Scotland.” [www.lgbtyouth.org.uk](http://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk)

**“I”, Tony** [5 mins animation]
“Tony Briffa, OII Australia and AISSGA board member, talks about Tony’s experience as an intersex person in this animation for the NICHE IDAHO project.” [www.oii.org.au](http://www.oii.org.au)

**The Riddle** Message from UN Human Rights Office [2mins]
“In 76 countries it’s illegal to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. And in at least five, it can be punished by death. The UN is here to make it clear that LGBT rights are human rights. Together, we can build a world that is free and equal.” [www.unfe.org](http://www.unfe.org)

**Love is Love** 28 LGBTI Alaskan families [11mins]
Mitch Kitter and Shalem Mathew started the Love is Love project in 2012 photographing 28 LGBT couples from the Anchorage Alaska. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**West and Proud** [8 mins]
“Tony Briffa, appears in a this movie collecting eight interviews on lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex life in Melbourne’s west. The movie celebrates “pride, visibility and diversity”.” [www.oii.org.au](http://www.oii.org.au)

**SOGI’s Story** [3 mins]
“SOGI’s Story is an educational resource on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity. The aim of this resource is to tackle discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) persons in its various forms by addressing misinformation, dispelling harmful myths and stigmas and providing possible options for resolution and remedy.” [www.sogistory.com](http://www.sogistory.com)

**Daléa talks about intersex and happiness** [10 mins]
“Daléa Rundblad is a master of symphonic rock living in New York, and she talks gently here about some big issues: living with Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, intersex, bodies, family, disclosure and happiness.” [www.oii.org.au](http://www.oii.org.au)
**My Transexual Summer** – MA rating Episode 1 [47 minutes]
A series that follows seven people who are undertaking a range of gender affirmation procedures as they make the journey to realise their true identities. As seen on ABC. [www.channel4.com](http://www.channel4.com)

‘Both’ MA rating [movie - 86 mins]
“The movie “Both” (2005) by filmmaker Lisset Barcellos is well worth watching, and the full length movie is now available on Vimeo. Haunted by memories of her long-dead brother, a stunt double living in San Francisco discovers her sexual identity is a tissue of lies created by her parents and doctors.” [www.oii.org.au](http://www.oii.org.au)

**BeyondBlue - Real Life Stories** [various LGBTI videos between 6-8 mins]
- **Annaliese’s Story** [6 mins]
  Annalies aged 31 [www.reallifestories.org.au](http://www.reallifestories.org.au)
- **Jaq’s Story** [8 mins]
  Resilience in the face of change: stories of transmen
- **Jez’s Story** [8 mins]
  Jez’s story as a transman and how he took action against depression
- **Gina’s Story** [6 mins]
  Gina’s experience as an intersex person
- **Shane’s Story** [7 mins]
  Shane aged 41 shares his experience as a gay man
- **Marlee’s Story** [7 mins]
  16 year old Marlee’s experience
- **Rob’s Story** [6 mins]
  Rob’s experience as a young Aboriginal bisexual person
- **Sally’s Story** [6 mins]
  Sally’s experience

[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

“If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities... the expression of love... then life itself loses its meaning.” Harvey Milk

Harvey Milk’s ground breaking election in 1977 as one of the world’s first openly gay elected officials— and its most visible one— symbolized the freedom to live life with authenticity to millions of LGBT women and men around the world. Harvey served less than a year in public office before his brutal assassination but his life profoundly changed a city, state, nation and a global community. [www.milkfoundation.org](http://www.milkfoundation.org)

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