

Sydney World Pride

Intersex Caucus Report

Tuesday 28 February from 1.30pm to 4.00pm at Aerial UTS Function Centre, Building 10 – Level 7 – 235 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2000.

The Intersex Caucus / Pre-Conference for Sydney World Pride drew a small group of 7 intersex people from across Australia, Europe and Asia to discuss the global priorities of Intersex advocacy, global action and working together, and to reflect on the conference program.

The small size of the group presented some challenges, however it allowed for a less-formal and more conversational setting, where resources and information were shared about local contexts, programs and work happening in these regions.

We believe with better publicity and media around the caucus sessions and inclusion in the general program, more people would be able to attend and participate as there were many others who joined us for the conference who did not make it to the caucus session. It would have also have been beneficial to hold the caucus sessions at the ICC where the conference was being held, allowing for pre-registration to the conference as an incentive to attend and participate in these sessions. More signage about how to locate the rooms would have been useful as it was a little difficult to locate from the main foyer. Additionally, the technology requirements and set up of the room were not streamlined, leaving us to figure out how and where to access the screen, projector and connections (this also required us to seek out IT support for the room, setting back the session).

The venue was however, beautiful and the catering very appreciated and enjoyed. The staff assisting with registration were friendly, efficient and incredibly helpful.

We also appreciate challenges with scheduling that did mean people could not attend more than one caucus session which resulted in people needing to choose which session to end, perhaps impacting people's access and more intersectional approach though we brought together a fairly diverse group given the size and constraints.

This session helped start conversations and build connections with others as well as bringing light to the various challenges and priorities in Asia, Europe and Australia. This was built on throughout the conference with more people joining the conversation.

All in all it was a successful session, that we hope to see expanded in Washington DC in 2025.