WHO ARE WE?

We're a group of humans with a belief that ALL our rangatahi deserve to live their best life and be their best selves.

We either identify in the Rainbow community, or are allies. and our key priority is to protect the wellbeing of our rangatahi. All the leaders are Police Checked

Our rangatahi come from diverse backgrounds with diverse characters, needs and skills.

RAINBOW RANGATAHI CLUB meets every week. Contact us for more info

OUR KAUPAPA

Vision

All our diverse & LGBTQIA+/queer/takatāpui rangatahi (young people) are empowered, seen, heard and supported in Te Tai Tokerau-Far North. When all rangatahi thrive, our communities are richer, healthier and more vibrant. The future is bright!

Mission

To co-create a community of safe spaces, defined by rangatahi

Together we can make a difference

We invite you to join us

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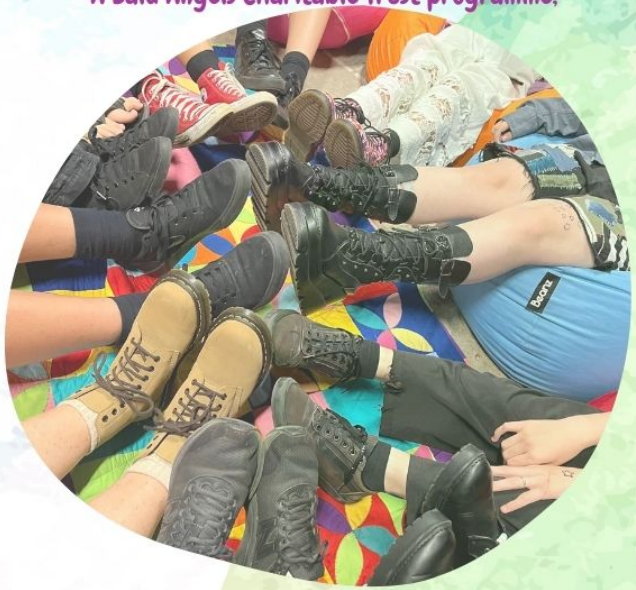

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RAINBOW RANGATAHI

What do you know?

What don't you know?

What do you need to know?

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QUESTION-PĀTAI

Is being LGBTQIA+ a choice? No, it's NOT.

Being lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender is not a choice. This point cannot be emphasised enough. A young person does not choose to be different, to seem cool or stand out from the crowd. It is not a phase they will eventually grow out of. If a young person is LGBTQIA+ it is simply because that is who they are. The only choice a young person has, with regards to sexual orientation and/or gender identity, is to be themselves - openly and honestly. This is a brave step for a young person, particularly when it might involve being singled out or bullied. It is important for those supporting young people through 'coming out' or transitioning, that they do not attempt to quell someone's identity as this can have very negative effects on a person's mental and physical health. [SOURCE: cara-friend.org.uk/lgbtq- inclusive_practice]

STATS-TATAURANGA

Queer youth are at 40% greater risk of self harm, anxiety, depression, bullying, suicide, homelessness.

[SOURCE: NZ Govt-YOUTH19 Study]

Want to make a difference?

THE FACTS-HE PONO

LGBTQIA+ an umbrella abbreviation for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex and + community

GENDER is the social classification of people as male, female or some other identity.

GENDER IDENTITY is your choice: your internal sense of being male, female, both, none or something else, and how you want others to treat you based on that.

NON BINARY a description of a gender identity that is neither male nor female

GENDER EXPRESSION is how you show your gender to the world through your behaviour, appearance and style.

TRANSGENDER refers to people whose gender identity does not align with the one they were assigned at birth.. This term includes people who identify male and female as well as trans people who identify as outside and/or within the gender binary.

TAKATĀPUI-Māori- traditionally meaning having an 'intimate companion of the same sex. Often used as an umbrella term, instead of, or in addition to terms such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or transgender. It refers to cultural & sexual/gender identity.[SOURCE: Page, Gray & Veale2012]

BISEXUAL having romantic &/or sexual attraction to people of more than one gender.

THERE ARE MANY MORE-BUT THESE ARE WHAT OUR RANGATAHI WANTED YOU TO KNOW

WHAT'S OK KAPAI WHAT'S NOT OK

IT'S Ok to not understand.
IT'S NOT OK to judge, exclude, bully, harass or be unkind.

The terms QUEER, RAINBOW and LGBTQ are all OK (NOTE: 'queer' used to be unacceptable but is now a preferred term)

DEAD NAMING is NOT OK- calling a Queer person by the name they used to be called at a previous time, rather than the name they have chosen - whether intentionally or purposefully. Use the name they've chosen.

Want your workplace or team to learn more?

Want to join us as a volunteer Rainbow Club leader and/or mentor?

Are Rainbow people safe & welcome at your organisation? CONTACT US and get a rainbow sticker