

# Tasmanian Pathways Network News

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## What's On

### **Special Pathways Event: Guest Speaker – Luke Gahan**

#### About the presentation

Luke's presentation will explore changing social attitudes and recent trends in same-sex divorce from countries where marriage equality has existed for some time. Luke will then share the findings of his qualitative research undertaken with separated same-sex parents from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, and regional Victoria. His findings unpack their experiences of separation both before and after legal changes recognising female non-biological parents, and will discuss parents' experiences of shared care over two and sometimes three households. He will introduce us to multi-parent family households – those who create their family with more than two parents – and their subsequent unique experiences of separation and shared parenting.

His findings will also uncover same-sex parents' experiences and perceptions of separation services and service providers, including legal professionals, family relationship centres, and mediation and counselling services.

#### About the presenter

Dr Luke Gahan is a sociologist who has recently completed his PhD at Victoria's Family Institute: The Bouverie Centre, and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health, and Society, located at La Trobe University.



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Luke is the Secretary of The Australian Sociological Association and was previously the convener of their Sociology of Families and Relationships Thematic Group. Until recently he was a lecturer at Federation University, and has previously lectured and taught at Melbourne, La Trobe, and Swinburne Universities. Luke is now at the National Aging Research Institute (NARI) researching the topics of elder abuse and dementia home care.

Outside of academia, Luke was a co-founding convener of Australian Marriage Equality group in 2004. He has sat on various committees, including the Victorian Labor Party, LGBTI Policy Committee, and the Ballarat Health Services newly establish Equity and Diversity committee.

Luke is the co-editor of “Heaven Bent” a book which explores Australian LGBTI perspectives on religion and spirituality. He was also a co-author on the “Writing Themselves in 3” report on the health and wellbeing of same-sex attracted and gender diverse young people in Australia. Both of these publications have been mentioned in Australian state and federal parliaments, and have been referenced globally.

For more information, you can access one of Luke’s articles free of charge [here](#).

Event details

### **Hobart**

When: 24<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 1.30 until 3.30pm.

Where: Hadley’s Hotel

What: Research presentation, afternoon tea, Q & A, networking

Cost: Free

Event booking: essential [Click Here](#)

### **Launceston**

When: 25<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 12.30 until 2.30pm.

Where: Tramsheds, Inveresk TAS 7250

What: Research presentation, light lunch, Q & A, networking

Cost: Free

Event booking: essential [Click Here](#)

### **Pathways on Tour**

Pathways on Tour brings you a special forum with Safe at Home practitioners from Dept. of Justice, Youth Services, DHHS, Dept of Education and more. We will be in Launceston on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm (light lunch will be served) at the Law Library, Staffordshire House. To secure your space (numbers will be limited), please follow this link and make a booking [SafeAtHome Launceston](#)

We will be at Jackman and McRoss Café, 4 Victoria St, Hobart on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3 - 4.30pm; follow this [TryBooking link](#) to book your space. We will be supplying great coffee and afternoon tea, along with a very informative session and a Q & A.

Contact Alona on 1300 364 277, or [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au) for more information.

## FLPN Sub-Groups

Due to requests from some sectors within the pathways networks, I am running a couple of surveys to gauge interest in membership of a Family Counselling sub-group as well as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner sub-group. If there is enough interest, it is proposed that there be groups in the North-West, the North, and the South in Tasmania, and that these local groups will meet quarterly. If you would like more information please contact Alona at [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au). The links for the surveys are here, [FDRP Sub-Group Survey](#) and [Counsellor Sub-Group Survey](#).

## Sector Issues

### 2018 Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Community Network Forum

The 2018 Forum will take place on Thursday 24 May at the Tailrace Centre, Launceston. Register [now](#)

## Media

Follow [this link](#) to access an article published in the Age newspaper recently. It tells the story of the act of heroism by a co-worker that saved a woman's life. A timely reminder that if we see something that does not look quite right, it pays to ask; it is also important to do a quick assessment of the situation, and to call the relevant authorities if the situation looks unsafe.

[Affordable Housing](#) is a hot topic locally, nationally, and internationally. The ability to source affordable housing is at crisis point in Tasmania, with many separating families finding themselves homeless, or co-habiting with their exes in less than optimal circumstances. This [article](#) suggests we could be looking at models from abroad to help with planning and innovation for the future

Certifying mediation: A study of section 60I certificates AIFS have published a summary of the latest research into the experience of individuals who have been issued a S601 certificate [here](#).

## **The Pathways Services Directory**

**Update your details** – if any of your contact details have changed in the past 12 months, could you please send updated details to the Pathways Officer [email](#) so that we can update our database.

If you have colleagues or know of newcomers to your workplace who are not members of the Family Law Pathways network, please direct them to our [Website](#) for free membership sign-up

**Judgments on Family Court website** have been updated **April 2018**

First Instance Judgments at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/first-instance-judgments/>

**Full Court (Appeals) Judgments** have been updated **March 2018** at the following link:

[http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/full-court-judgments](http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/full-court-judgments/)

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