

# DARING TO SEE 360: LOOKING IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Daring Conference 2022



**Come join us!**

**Saturday  
11th June 2022**

A safe space for folk to meet other likeminded people of faith, to be supported and find a place of belonging. A gathering of LGBTIQ+ Christians, their families and supporters to explore faith, fellowship and friendship.

Daring is held every two years for LGBTIQ+ people, our families, friends and supporters within the Uniting Church, who gather from across Australia. Hear from speakers, participate in small group sessions, and engage in conversation with like minded people to connect, share and learn from each other.

Join us online or face-to-face in your local community.  
Saturday 11th June from 9:30am ACST for all or part of the day.

For more details on the days events see the following pages,  
visit [www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org/daring-2022](http://www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org/daring-2022)  
or book your place register via [TryBooking](#)

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## Program Timetable

AWST	ACST	AEST	Daring Program
7:30	9:00	9:30	AV testing (Hubs and Presenters)
7:45	9:15	9:45	Waiting room opens
8:00	9:30	10:00	Welcome
8:15	9:45	10:15	Speaker 1 - Robyn Whitaker
8:45	10:15	10:45	Break into groups
9:10	10:40	11:10	Return and report
9:30	11:00	11:30	15 min break
9:45	11:15	11:45	Task Group update #1 Open and affirming resources
9:55	11:25	11:55	Task Group update #2 Assembly Apology to LGBTIQ Australians Task Group
10:10	11:40	12:10	Q&A
10:25	11:55	12:25	Summary
10:30	12:00	12:30	President
10:55	12:25	12:55	Daring statement info + finish
11:00	12:30	13:00	Lunch break (BYO or head to a local café) + Daring statement group meeting online
12:30	14:00	14:30	Intro
12:35	14:05	14:35	Speaker 2 - Elliot Nicholas
12:45	14:15	14:45	Speaker 3 - Kaye Bradshaw
13:00	14:30	15:00	Break into groups
13:20	14:50	15:20	Return and report
13:40	15:10	15:40	10 min break
13:50	15:20	15:50	Daring statement
14:05	15:35	16:05	Notices - Queer Theology course overview
14:10	15:40	16:10	Summary
14:15	15:45	16:15	BGM starts
15:00	16:30	17:00	Complete
			Optional dinner (in some states)

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## Master of Ceremonies

The day will be MC'd online by David Landis-Morse (pronouns he/him). David runs a cafe for the UCA in Heidelberg (Narrm). He has always worked in hospitality and has developed an unhealthy love of sweet food and coffee as a result. He is bi/pan and married to Robyn and is father to two adults. He is also prone to talking too much and may need to be interrupted at times.



## Robyn Whitaker ~ In the Bible, the Future looks Queer

Robyn Whitaker is a biblical scholar with a particular interest in the contemporary use (and misuse) of the bible in debates about sexuality, gender and ethics. She is an ordained minister in the UCA and currently serves as the Coordinator of New Testament Studies at Pilgrim Theological College in Melbourne.



Robyn is a cisgendered, ally of the LGBTIQ+ community and has been involved as an ally with the BRAVE network, Equality Australia, and Equal Voices. She is currently a member of the Steering Committee for a joint project between the Victorian Government and LaTrobe and Macquarie Universities researching conversion ideology and practices. Robyn regularly writes for The Conversation and you can find some of her articles [here](#).

## Open and Affirming Project Task Group

The Open and Affirming Project is a step-by-step process developed for local congregations to intentionally welcome LGBTIQ+ people, in all areas of their life and mission. After being launched in 2019, these resources are currently undergoing a review. Come hear how you can support this project with a presentation by Amanda Nicholas.

## Assembly Apology to LGBTIQ Australians Task Group

The Uniting Church Assembly appointed a Task Group to assist in considering an official apology to LGBTIQ Australians. If made, the apology would take place at the Assembly meeting in July 2024. A short update on the work of the Task Group will be provided by the Convenor, Lin Hatfield Dodds, former Executive Director of UnitingCare Australia and current CEO of The Benevolent Society and the Chair of Uniting World.

## Uniting Church of Australia President—Rev Sharon Hollis

The Rev Sharon Hollis, President of Uniting Church in Australia Assembly, has prepared a personal welcome message and reflections for Daring.



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## **Elliot Nicholas** ~ Identity, Recovery and Spirituality

Elliot Nicholas is an 18 year old transgender male who is passionate in advocating for gender-diverse and LGBTQ+ youth, especially those understanding themselves and discovering their spirituality. As captain of his school last year as well as 2021's Junior mayor of Geelong, leadership roles is one of his passions and loves to continue to help others.

Elliot was featured in a 14 December 2021 [Crosslight article](#) and [gave evidence](#) to the Australian Parliament Joint Committee on Human Rights at the public hearing on the proposed Religious Discrimination Bills on 14 January 2022 .



## **Kaye Bradshaw** ~ Inclusive Agencies, Inclusive Church- measuring cultural change one metric at a time

Kaye is currently the LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Lead at Uniting Vic Tas, the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria & Tasmania. This role supports Uniting's aspiration to be a culturally safe and competent organisation for their LGBTIQ+ workforce, and for the people who use Uniting services.

For an insight into some of the work watch—[Uniting: A future we believe in](#).

Kaye has worked in church and community development settings across Australia and SE Asia for 35 years, partnering with vulnerable communities to leverage social change, including a stint in East Timor after the 1999 vote for independence.

Kaye identifies as queer, trans family, and uses she/her pronouns.



## **Connections, Hubs and Dinner**

### **Connect At Home**

All registrations will receive the link to Zoom so you can join us online from home.

### **Join a Local Hub**

As part of this hybrid model, we are encouraging people to gather in their local community. This could be at a church, community centre, or at home with family and friends. To find out where the local hubs are, visit the [website](#).

Current locations include: SA (Blackwood); Victoria (St Kilda); Tasmania (Devonport); ACT (Wanniassa); New South Wales (Neutral Bay). BYO lunch or visit a local café.

### **Dinner**

An optional extra is to join others in your area for dinner on the Saturday night. This is a great way to build upon the connections made across the day and is a key part of Daring when we gather in person.

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