



The 2011 Rainbow Awards acknowledge those who have rejected discrimination & bigotry.

Award recipients have taken courageous & cooperative action towards achieving fairness & equity on behalf of the Tasmanian GLBTI community by acknowledging, accepting & celebrating diversity.

ACHIEVING ABOVE ALL UNITED, LOVING FAMILIES



David, Jan & Sally Foster

Taking a courageous public stand to support the right of marriage for their lesbian daughter, Sally & her partner. Simple, honest words challenging many to accept and love their children for who they are.

Leanne Bonney & Lucas

A wonderful example to parents and gay & lesbian children in maintaining their love & relationship through the difficulties of coming out as mother & son on the *North West Coast*.

TEACHERS & STUDENTS COMBATING BULLYING & CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



Sandy Verrier

Displaying conviction & sensitivity in setting up the *Outright Youth* model in *Rosny College*; responding to students' needs by being a contact teacher for GLBTI students needing a supportive person in a safe environment; being the special needs liaison link back to school authorities.



Joshua Brown

Generosity with his time & energy; outstanding leadership & support of members of the *Outright Youth* organisation, advocating for critical peer & professional support for LGBTI young people in schools and at work.

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[Phoebe Adams](#)

Facilitating GLBTI culture by establishing a lesbian art collective & another group, *Colouring Outside the Lines*, at the *School of Art*; negotiating with management & academics to claim a stronger voice for GLBTI students on the *School of Art* campus.

ARTISTS ACHIEVING EQUITY



[Robert Dessaix & Peter Timms](#)

Inspiring the community by showing that being true to yourself is a fundamental requirement for genuine success and a most important step on the road to respect & equality.

POLITICIANS ACHIEVING EQUITY THROUGH LAW REFORM



[Nick McKim, MP](#)

Showing a consistent advocacy & high level of support for same-sex equality across many years & many issues, most recently his amazing work on supporting same-sex marriage in the State Parliament.



[Carol Brown](#)

Consistently advocating for social justice within State and Federal political spheres; being outspoken at conferences, public venues & forums in addressing all forms of discrimination, support of same sex marriage & adoption by same sex couples.



[Stuart Benson](#)

Energetically & significantly influencing State policy via *Young Labor* in relation to GLBTI rights, marriage equality & adoption by same sex couples; founding member of Rainbow Labor in Tasmania.

THE COURAGE TO TELL PERSONAL STORIES OF DISCRIMINATION



Craig Zimitat & Brett Goodsell

Taking a stand to expose hate crime organised by internet; exposing discrimination and gay abuse on FaceBook; challenging those in public office to address discrimination against GLBTI people by telling their story to relevant authorities

THE COURAGE TO CHALLENGE GLBTI DISCRIMINATION



Peter Graham

Courageously requesting conciliation via the pertinent authority as a result of discriminatory treatment following Peter's request for the body of his recently deceased, legal de-facto partner for the funeral.

WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR CHANGE



Ashley Matthews & John Perry

Working to establish the COPP Trust and LoG respectively, enabling others to work for change in areas where discrimination & prejudice have serious effects on community members; tirelessly running charity benefits, raising & personally contributing funds, time & effort to causes; organising monthly social gatherings in a variety of safe settings.



Don Macdonald

Consistently working to push back fear of 'coming out' & fear of rejection in a sometimes hostile environment, as Chair of the Greater Launceston COPP Committee for the LGBTI community in northern Tasmania.

HIGH COMMENDATION



Van & Oanh have now been granted a permanent visa.

Father Greg Barker

Providing extraordinary, unwavering support to Van & Oanh, two women refugees who were in great danger of being extradited back to Vietnam & having their application to live in Australia rejected on grounds that denied their long-term life partnership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2011
RAINBOW AWARD RECIPIENTS

