

ANU Ally Network co-convenor profiles

Bhavani (postgraduate student co-convenor)



Hi there! My name is Bhavani, but feel free to call me Bee. I identify as a "professional student". My current incarnation is pursuing a PhD over in the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy on Negotiating with Terrorists. However, I promise not to bore anyone by nerding out on the topic.

As someone who also identifies as Queer*, I believe the Ally Network is integral in providing safe spaces, support, and empowerment on campus. It is hard to describe the difference that a rainbow-lined corridor makes. This probably stems from the fact that the Ally Network means different things to different people at different times. Nevertheless, the importance of Allies is universally understood. As your Postgrad Ally Co-Convenor, I hope to help grow and strengthen

the ANU Ally Network, and make ANU one big safe space.

Hannah (academic staff co-convenor)



Hey! I'm Hannah, the academic co-convenor of the ANU Ally Network. I work as a postdoc at the Research School of Biology and spend most of my time in the lab trying to improve photosynthesis in plants. However, I also have a passion for teaching, mentoring and making our university a great place to be and learn for everyone.

Unfortunately we're still a long way from being a truly inclusive university community where members of the LGBTIQ+ community can feel safe and supported. The ANU Ally Network is an important initiative in the right direction and as the academic co-convenor I hope to help the Network outgrow its baby shoes and become a big and awesome community of identifying and non-identifying people. Together we can make ANU a safe place for *everyone!*

Nerilee (professional staff co-convenor)

I'm the Deputy Head at Burton and Garran Hall of Residence – email me, or visit me at 49 Daley Road. Things that bring me joy are my family, vegie garden, chooks, the beautiful game, my job, friends and much much more. Inequity, entitlement, and inconsiderate people cause me to feel pain.

With education comes understanding. I view my main contributions to the Ally Network as

- the MAMJASON 15 lunchtime series (providing an opportunity for network members to meet and understand more about the lives of LGBTIQ* people) and
- developing the student training program for residential and non-residential students.

And one final comment - my sexual orientation or gender identity don't make me a good Ally – my behaviour can.

Kat (undergraduate student co-convenor)