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The AIDS Council of SA (ACSA) is calling the South Australian gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community to arms to advocate for changes in public health policy and greater resources for GLBT health

There is evidence of significant differences in the health and wellbeing of Australians according to their sexual orientation and gender identities. GLBT people tend to have disproportionately negative health outcomes. Research suggests that this is related to social determinants, such as experience of discrimination, which is also related to reduced access to appropriate health care. The LGBT community need to be considered at all stages in the formulation and delivery of health policies and services. The State government has few strategies that acknowledge, let alone address the specific health needs of GLBT South Australians

The *Mind the Gap* GLBT Health Forum during the Feast Festival will provide the opportunity to develop a community owned plan to advocate the health needs of LGBT South Australians Confirmed speakers include

- *Gabi Rosenstreich: Executive Director National LGBT Health Alliance*
- *Doctor Jo Harrison: Professor at University of South Australia*
- *Doctor Mark Fuller: G.P to Second Storey (youth program)*
- *Lindsey Osborn from Ambulatory & Primary Health Care Directorate*
- *Jenny Scott expert on Transgender*

Discrimination is alive through invisibility, so let's show our decision makers that we are not invisible - our communities health and wellbeing can no longer be ignored!

Change starts with a call from the community..... So ACSA needs your support at this event.

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