

ANU Circle for Gender Equity

The ANU Circle for Gender Equity is a student group promoting critical discussion and awareness regarding gender issues in different cultural contexts, as well as in development throughout the world.

As per our Constitution, the aims of the ANU Circle for Gender Equity are:

Section 4: Aims and Objectives

4(1) The aims and objectives of the Club are to:

- (a) Facilitate a discussion of gender and surrounding issues in developing countries and the broader Australian community.
- (b) Provide a learning space for this discussion to occur.
- (c) Provide educational events for students.
- (d) Be inclusive of all genders, races, ages, sexualities, etc.

It is our goal to always be both informative and educational whilst providing an inclusive and supportive environment for our members.

Grant Details

The ANU Circle for Gender Equity received a grant to the value of \$1500, in an out of round application at the end of November 2018. The grant was to be used throughout the 2019 academic year. The Gender Institute has enabled us to expand upon the number and type of events we hosted in 2019 and really improved the engagement of our members. This money went towards funding various events that promoted awareness and engagement with issues relating to gender and gender inequality across the ANU Campus and the wider Canberra community.

In regard to outcomes and outreach, in 2019 we aimed to collaborate with more societies, both internal and external to the ANU Community, in order to raise brand awareness and to tap into new sources of members who would not otherwise know of our society. Over 2019, our Facebook page grew significantly. With over 1200 likes, we were aware that our platform and events were being viewed by more people than ever. Our Facebook page allowed us to also promote other events from other groups, that aligned with our values.

Our society, though small, has a lot of potential, evidenced by its growth over the past year. The Gender Institute's support has been a helping hand, through both promotion and financial assistance. We would love to continue to work alongside the Gender Institute to further our aligned goals of achieving gender equality and improving knowledge of pertinent issues on campus whilst creating a community of like-minded members.



Event Details



1. International Women's Day - Afternoon Tea and Chill

We ran this event on 7 March 2019 at the ANU Campus. It was a chance for us to meet new students that signed up to the society on Market Day during O-Week. The grant was used to purchase snacks and food for the event. We had expected to have a few more people at our event, but we were quite happy with the number that came in and out over the 2 hour event. It was a good chance to discuss the importance of International Women's Day, and what that meant for all of us individually. In total, we had a turnout of 10 students, who were all at the undergraduate level of study.



2. ANU Circle for Gender Equity x LSS Cambodia Movie Night

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This event was conducted in collaboration with the ANU Law Students' Society. It was held on 25 September 2019 at 6:30pm in the Coombs Lecture theatre. The grant was used to pay for the viewing rights to screen the documentary 'A Girl Rising'. The LSS Cambodia team made lolly bags and popcorn.

The LSS Cambodia team sold movie tickets for \$5, with a movie ticket and lolly bag + popcorn deal for \$7. All of the proceeds from the movie night went to 6 nongovernment organisations that the Cambodia team were working with in Cambodia. These organisations included: Cambodia Law in Action Social Justice Trip 2019 — Worked with Legal Aid Cambodia, Transparency International, AFESIP - Acting for Women in Distressing Situations, the Cambodian Centre for Human Rights, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association.

It was a successful event with a turnout of about 20 people. At the end of the night, we had an open discussion about what we'd watched, and allowed attendants to share their thoughts.



LSS Cambodia Law in Action

ANU's Cambodia outreach team will be travelling to Cambodia in November 2019 to learn about social justice and law reform efforts in developing nations. To give back to the six legal NGOs who will be giving up their time to show us around and teach us about their efforts to promote and protect human rights, we will be fundraising throughout the year. If you want to support the worthy causes these NGOs promote, come along to our fundraising events and please donate to GoFundMe at ANU LSS: Law in Action Cambodia 2019.



Legal Aid



Transparency International



AFESIP



Cambodian Center for Human Rights



Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia



Cambodian Human Rights + Development Association

3. Glitoris Workshop with Alli Sebastian Wolf

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The majority of our grant was used towards the Glitoris workshop, which was our final event for the year, held on 8 October 2019 at 5:30pm. The aim of this event was to empower members of our community to be confident and to learn about the clitoris creatively, using clay. The planning for this event took over 3 months, as we collaborated with performance artist, Alli Sebastian Wolf, and with aMBUSH Gallery Kambri, for both event hire, photography and catering. The workshop covered the history and anatomy of sexual organs.

Alli Sebastian Wolf - Biography

I am a multidisciplinary artist working across theatre, performance and visual art. My work explores archetype and cultural narrative through genre bending junkyard theatre, culture mashing artworks and whimsical performances. Environmental, gender, and social themes are explored with a subversive playfulness.

I'm also the creative director, lead costume maker and playwright of performance troupe Deep Sea Astronauts

(www.DeepSeaAstronauts.com), a collective of artists, musicians, performers and vagabonds who make performances for theatres and festivals.









https://www.allisebastianwolf.com/

This event was advertised on both our Facebook pages, and throughout Kambri on screens around the ANU. We had 41 people respond to our event, and over 25 attend in person. We received a range of participants, including both undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as some who came with their lecturers! Ages ranged from 18 – 60. We received great feedback to keep hosting similar interactive events and were asked by aMBUSH to collaborate on some future art exhibitions they had coming up, in line with gender equality.

















