New on-campus group for queer-identified general and academic staff employed by ANU.

'ANUQ' (provisional name) is a new group that aims to provide support for, and channel information to and from, queer-identified employees. It could help to ensure that members have access to, and input into "equity, diversity, and inclusion" initiatives (touching on workplace, hiring, or retirement issues, for instance). And for people new to Canberra, or without partners or families, it could also provide a comfortable means to combat isolation.

In addition, ANUQ could provide a new network for academics working on queer-related research, thereby enhancing research on gender, sexuality and culture.

Any individuals or groups who might wish to attend an initial meeting, or who might like to be added to the ANUQ mailing list, are invited to contact Carolyn Strange.

Interested parties are invited to gather on 17th March, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., where we can meet and discuss such issues such as the group's name; the pros and cons of including graduate students; determining the best ways to reach people beyond our existing circle of contacts; and coming up with roles that individuals or sub-groups might wish to play. If you *do* hope to attend, please respond for catering purposes. Food will be provided (thanks to the Gender Institute) but a small donation to cover liquid refreshments will be appreciated.

When: Friday 17 February 4.30- 5.30pm

Where: Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, first floor, in the college, <u>ANU</u> Please contact if interested in being part of this initiative: Carolyn Graduate Director, School of History, RSSS, <u>Carolyn.strange@anu.edu.au</u>, ph 61252613