



## **Invitation: Gender Affirming Healthcare Training for medical practitioners**

**Friday, 16 June 2017, Ascott Inn, Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu Natal**

Herewith, [Gender Dynamix](#) is inviting all interested medical and mental health practitioners to a Gender Affirming Healthcare training session in Pietermaritzburg on Friday, 16 June 2017.

Transgender persons experience multiple barriers to accessing health and healthcare services, including discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, bodily characteristics and sexual orientation. A general lack of awareness, knowledge and sensitivity in healthcare communities leads to inadequate access to, under-utilisation of, and disparities within the healthcare system for the transgender population. Barriers to care are encountered by transgender and gender diverse persons when seeking preventive medicine, routine and emergency care, and transgender-related services. These realities continue to be reported worldwide and so South Africa is no different..There also continues to exist a disparity between the availability and standard of gender affirming healthcare within South Africa itself.

The Gender Affirming Healthcare training aims to train and build a network of medical and mental health practitioners active in transgender healthcare. The workshop is structured around a peer-to-peer training session focused on awareness-raising and the sensitising of service providers to the needs of transgender and gender diverse persons accessing healthcare (provisional programme attached). Aspects addressed in the training will include the following:

- Introduction to gender affirming healthcare
- Informed consent, ethical guidelines and person-centred care
- Gender affirming hormone therapy and surgery
- Gender affirming mental healthcare
- Legal gender recognition

This training aims to close the gap that exists between quality healthcare service provisioning and the ability of transgender and gender diverse persons to effectively and adequately access such services within different geographical areas.

There will no fee charged for the training itself. To apply, please complete the Application Form on the next page and email it by Friday, 30 May 2017 to [community@genderdynamix.org.za](mailto:community@genderdynamix.org.za) and [advocacy2@genderdynamix.org.za](mailto:advocacy2@genderdynamix.org.za).

## **APPLICATION FORM**

**Gender Affirming Healthcare training, Pietermaritzburg, 16 June 2017**

**Deadline for applications: 30 May 2017**

Please email the completed application form to [community@genderdynamix.org.za](mailto:community@genderdynamix.org.za) and  
[advocacy2@genderdynamix.org.za](mailto:advocacy2@genderdynamix.org.za)

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Professional category</b>	
<b>Registration number with relevant professional body</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Reason you would like to attend</b>	

The organisation is unable to cover transport costs or accommodation but is able to provide for catering on the day as well as present the training free of charge.