

Australian Sex Educator & Sensuality Coach. Sex Writer & Blogger

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## EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

### Workshops and Education Services

I have been teaching workshops on sex, gender and sexuality since 2014. These range from skills based workshops at conferences and universities, hands-on classes for adult-orientated events, to question and answer sessions for community groups. By focusing on creating safe and comfortable spaces that promote authentic self expression, healthy curiosity and sensual self-empowerment, attendees are able to connect to the material in a shame-free and liberating way. I also provide private coaching, training sessions and intensives to individuals, organisations and couples.

*Examples:* SEXPO Australia, Queer Collaborations, UTS Pride Week, ANU Sex & Consent Week, Macquarie University, Canberra Under 30s BDSM Group, Curtin University, Monash University, ACT Rovers, RedAware

### Public Speaking

I am comfortable speaking to groups of all sizes on a wide range of topics. I have presented in a variety of formats including solo guest talks, group discussion facilitation, radio broadcasts and as a panelist at various events. My strength in this area comes from my ability to communicate complex, sensitive and often emotional concepts effectively with empathy and enthusiasm.

*Examples:* Gx Australia, Birds, Bees & Other Bits, SEXPO Australia, Friday Night Lip Service (2xx FM), Newcastle Polyamory, Family Planning NSW

### Community Development and Activation

I have a extensive experience building and mobilising communities. My comprehensive professional and community networks, passion for the sharing of ideas and information and excellent organisational abilities have allowed me to bring people together with a purpose in a variety of fields.

In 2015 I established the ACT chapter of *Sex Geekdom*, an international network of discussion and social groups for sex positive people. After 2 years, we have over 260 members in our active Facebook discussion group and have held a variety of events from panels, guest speaking engagement and a range of social activities. The group provides a safe, inclusive environment for exploration and discourse in a society that still cannot talk about sexuality without judging or sensationalising it.

## SKILLS

Workshop Development and Delivery

Group Facilitation

Event Planning and Hosting

Social Media Management

Sex Education

Intersectional Point of View

Private Coaching and Mentoring

Community Activation

Interpersonal Communication

Issue and Crisis Management

Client Journey Mapping

Writing, Blogging and Editing

Content Strategy

Inclusivity Awareness

Approachableness and Accessibility

Website Development and IT

Networking and Collaboration

Targeted Client Engagement

Media Appearances

Tailoring Content to Specific Audiences

Project Management

Compassion and Empathy

Reviewing and Evaluating Current Strategies

Community organisation has long been a passion, between 2006 and 2009, I built and ran a poetry website called *Young Poetess* which showcased the work of female teenage poets from all over the world and was featured in *Dolly Magazine*.

My skills in this area have seen me work with the Sydney Festival of Really Good Sex, SEXPO Australia, Canberra Sexual Health Advisory Group, Family Planning NSW, a variety of industry retailers and several non-sexuality related Not-For-Profits. I was also invited to be a guest delegate at the 2017 Lesbian Bisexual and Queer Women's Health conference in Sydney.

## Writing and Media

I have a significant presence across a wide variety of media; including an active social media presence, guest spots on podcasts and interviews with print magazines, youtube channels and websites.

*Examples:* HerCanberra magazine, the LoveCanberra podcast, the Aussie Swingers podcast, BeyondCosplay.com, Pillowtalk webseries, ANU Sex Week educational video series, Friday Night Lip Service

I publish essays and reviews regularly on my blog ([www.sensiren.blog](http://www.sensiren.blog)) and have print and multimedia projects in production. I have been running blogs in various forms since 2005.

I also write, edit and team manage the sex positive, feminist webcomic *Queerbite* ([queerbite.com](http://queerbite.com)).

Outside of the sexuality field, I am a freelance communications consultant and I am passionate about using these skills in my work.

## Professional Consultancy & Advisory

My diverse skillset and experience gives me unique insights into and access to a number of specific audiences. This allows me to help organisations and individuals best tailor their strategies to their target clientele. These include sexuality based communities like BDSM practitioners, sex workers, bloggers, queer and gender diverse people, adult retailers and companies, other educators, polyamorous people and swingers; but also other areas such as young people, rural and regional people, 'nerd' and cosplay communities, neurodiverse people, university students, creatives, etc.

I can help develop highly effective communication strategies including digital and social media, promote engagement with events and programs, advise on the use of language and imagery, ensure client-side documentation is inclusive, highlight accessibility barriers, identify potential conflicts or issues and efficiently resolve them if they arise, connect potential collaborators and more.

*Examples:* Sydney Festival of Really Good Sex, Canberra Sexual Health Advisory Group, SAX Leather, SEXPO Australia, Queer Collaborations, Family Planning NSW

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Alternative Relationship Styles

Polyamory and Ethical Non-Monogamy

Comprehensive Sex and Reproductive Education

Affirmative and Enthusiastic Consent

BDSM and Fetish Activities

Body Safe Sex Toys

Gender Expression

Communication Skills

Sex and Mental Health

Intersectional Feminism

Inclusive Medical Services

Dismantling Rape Culture

Body Positivity

Ecosex and Ecofeminism

Art As Activism

Queer Webcomics

Sex Work

Community Building and Engagement

Queer Issues

Sacred Sexuality

Ethical Pornography

Sex and Geek Culture

Non-Heteronormative Sex

Sexuality-Related Events and Communities

Effective Allyship

Representation and Visibility of Marginalised Groups

Negotiation

## **Outreach and Advocacy**

Effective activism and outreach have always been a core value of my work. Before engaging with my current field I worked extensively in aid and development and regional youth arts projects.

In 2013 I became the Women's Officer of Burton & Garran Hall at the ANU where I provided pastoral care and support to women-identified residents in regard to sexual and relationship health and queer issues. I worked with a male counterpart to promote our work around the hall, organise educational events, answer questions both in person and via email, distribute safe sex supplies and be a first point of contact in cases of sexual assault or harassment.

This role facilitated my first engagement with the ANU Queer Department where I became very active; organising Queer Ball and Pride Week events, promoting the space as bi/pansexual inclusive, writing articles for the queer issue of the *Woroni* student newspaper and diversifying the department's library. My participation in the department also led to my significant role in the coordination of the 2015 Queer Collaborations conference held at the ANU, as well as work with RedAware, the ANU Women's Department and Tranz Australia.

## **REFEREES**

Available Upon Request

## **VENTURES IN PROGRESS**

Print and Multimedia Products

Collaboration with *I Love Claude*

Sex Ed In The City

By The Bi Podcast

Workshop Presented at *Celebrating Sexuality 2017*

Queerbite in Shout Magazine

SEXPO Melbourne 2017

Feminartsy Submission