



Tender Opportunity: Proud Spaces LGBTQI+ & Neurodiversity Research Project

Youth Work Ireland's Proud Spaces programme is inviting tenders from suitably qualified researchers or research teams to undertake a national research project exploring the intersection of LGBTQI+ identities and neurodiversity among young people in Ireland.

The research will examine the experiences, needs and support requirements of neurodivergent young LGBTQI+ people aged 12-24, with particular attention to the experiences of trans and non-binary young people. It will also explore how youth services currently respond to neurodivergent young LGBTQI+ people and identify practical recommendations to support more accessible, inclusive and neuro-affirming youth services. The project will involve a mixed-method research approach, including a literature review, engagement with young LGBTQI+ people, consultation with youth workers and relevant stakeholders, and the development of evidence-based recommendations for practice and policy.

Contract Value: €10,000 (inclusive of all fees and expenses)

Project Completion Date: 30 April 2027

Report Launch: May 2027

The successful researcher/research team will be expected to:

- Refine the research methodology in partnership with Proud Spaces.
- Undertake a literature and evidence review.
- Design and analyse a national survey.
- Facilitate qualitative engagement with young people.
- Consult with youth workers and relevant stakeholders.
- Analyse findings and develop recommendations.
- Produce a draft and final research report and executive summary.
- Present findings at a national launch event (if required).

Researchers should demonstrate experience in:

- Research with young people.
- LGBTQI+ and/or neurodiversity-related research.
- Participatory and rights-based research approaches.
- Ethical research practice and safeguarding.

Tender submissions should include a proposed methodology, project plan, relevant experience, budget breakdown, examples of previous work and two referees.

[Full tender specification and submission details can be found here>>](#)

Tender Submission Deadline: Expressions of interest and completed tender proposals must be submitted by **5.00pm on Friday, 20 November 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered to proudspaces@youthworkireland.ie

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