

Queer Formal ONLINE!

WATCH PARTY GUIDE

FOR YOUTH ORGS!

MINUS18

Let's end this shocker of a year in style! We're hosting our first ever **Queer Formal Online** to say an enthusiastic farewell to 2020 and so that LGBTQIA+ youth around Australia can come together and celebrate themselves!

As much as we'd love to bring everyone together in the one room, we aren't able to do that just yet. That shouldn't stop your organisation or community group from celebrating this LGBTQIA+ youth night of nights together (with social distancing, of course).

This guide will help you host your own Queer Formal Online Watch Party, and make this night memorable for the young people you support.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE	5 DECEMBER 2020
TIME	7:00PM - 10:00PM
WHERE	ON ZOOM
COST	FREE! Registrations are essential

REGISTRATION



- [Register for a ticket via Eventbrite](#)
- [RSVP to the Facebook Event](#)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PROMOTE THE EVENT

Let your youth group/s know that you're hosting a Queer Formal Watch Party and that they're invited.

Encourage them to register for the [Queer Formal Online via Eventbrite](#), and get them to sign up to attend your Watch Party. We'll regularly post updates about this event on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), so keep an eye on @minus18youth for content that can be reshared!

EVENT THEME

Our Queer Formal always has the same theme: dress in whatever you feel most comfortable! A lot of people dress up in formal attire, but they don't have to.

YOUR SPACE

- Decorate your youth space with colours and lights!
- Use a projector if you have one; this will provide the ultimate viewing experience
- Make sure you've got good speakers so that the audio comes through clearly.
- Ensure a strong internet connection by only having Zoom open during the event
- Make sure your camera is positioned so that your attendees can be seen in the Zoom event.
- Provide snacks, because who doesn't love free food?

CHAT THREAD

An important part of Minus18 Zoom events is the chat thread. It is fun and fast-paced and is the only way young people can communicate with each other at the event. Make sure that the chat thread is accessible to your attendees.

This could involve having the event open on multiple computers that young people can use to interact with, or having the chat visible on the main screen / projector and for young

SAFETY

- This event is for young people aged 12-19 only.
- Anyone above the age of 19 present within the Zoom party, must have a valid Working with Children's Check (this may include Youth Workers, additional staff, carers etc).
- This is an alcohol, drug and smoke free event.
- Minus18 Staff and Youth Workers will be moderating the digital event, and will provide warnings to those displaying problematic behaviour, and where necessary will remove people from the event.
- You're responsible for the safety of attendees within your Watch Party. This includes arranging security where necessary, ensuring young people have ways to get home, having First Aid officers and any additional wellbeing support youth might need during the event.
- Minus18 Youth Workers can provide basic support to young people privately via the chat thread, but if any attendee is needing additional help, we encourage them to reach out to **Kids Helpline** (1800 55 1800) or **QLife** (1800 184 527).

LET US KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING

Tag @minus18youth in your posts on Instagram and Facebook, and encourage your attendees to do the same!

BE COVID SAFE

It's super important that your Queer Formal Watch Party is COVID Safe. Look to your state government's website to ensure you're adhering to the restrictions and safety requirements in your state.

Any questions? Reach out to Minus18 Events Coordinator, Miller Soding, at miller@minus18.org.au