



# Social Spaces for Older Queer Adults: A Guide for Social Work Educators, Students, and Practitioners

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## This course reading...

- Gives insight into the lived experiences of older queer adults and how they navigate space, community, and social environments.
- Discusses relevant political and legislative developments in Aotearoa New Zealand, and provides guidance on how this community can be best supported.
- Ideal reading for practitioners and students of social work and human development, LGBT+ Studies, Psychology, Gender Studies, Community Development Studies, and Gerontology.

## How do older queer adults navigate space, community, and social environments?

Focussing on the lived experiences of a group of queer adults, often ignored by social policy, community planning, and aged care services, **David Betts** aims to provide social workers with the tools necessary to support their wellbeing.

***Social Spaces for Older Queer Adults*** compares historical reflections and contemporary experiences. It considers the political and legislative developments in Aotearoa New Zealand regarding sexual and gender diversity, and the influence this has had on the personal wellbeing and sense of community for older queer adults. This book also examines the label of the 'queer unwanted', the notion of queer ageing, and the concerns and preparation needed to support the community in these contexts.

Essential reading for providing insight on how to adapt practice to support older queer adults, this book is ideal for practitioners and students of social work and human development, LGBT+ Studies, Psychology, Gender Studies, Community Development Studies, and Gerontology.

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