



Why one size does not fit all, working with CALD MSM: acknowledging intersectionality

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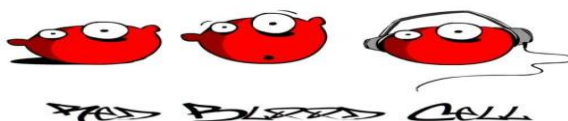
CEH

- Provides support to agencies in Victoria and across Australia on developing culturally competent service systems. This is undertaken via **training, capacity building, research, resource development, project management and consultancy.**
- Multicultural Health & Support Service
- Multicultural Drug Support



MHSS

- Aims to address the highly complex and culturally sensitive issues involving HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs.
- **partnerships with the community, cross sectors and ethno specific organisations**



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So, why multicultural communities?

- HIV affects all communities worldwide
- however, in Australia the largest affected community are MSM
- mainstream communities have a higher uptake for the services and treatment options provided
- most multicultural communities find it hard to access these services because of various reasons
- experiences of stigma, media and legal issues including migration status
- targeted information is critical



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migrant & refugee health issues

prolonged camp experience
 - poor nutrition/oral health -
 low literacy/health literacy -
perceptions of authority -
 reconfigured families -
 loss/grief - experiences of
 torture and trauma -
 journey experience - visits
 home -
 isolation/discrimination-
 service sector navigation



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refugee young people



Acculturation process - Dual
 cultures - Parental
 expectations – Bullying -
 Institutional racism -
 Reconfigured families -
 Puberty /adolescence -
 Gender-
 masculinity/femininity -
 Identity development - Pre-
 literate – Housing -
 Disengaged
 Education/JJ/Corrections -
Confidentiality/safety



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international students and sexual health



STI & HIV rates indicate low level awareness of sexual health-
Australian context

little or no sexual and reproductive health education in their countries of origin

Post colonial gender norms

- institutional racism-accessing services
- Sexuality/exploration



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Why?



- first encounter as an individual-away from home-culture/religion
- explore/express their sexuality- SSA
- **Lack understanding of consent and Australian law**
- increased risk of exposure & transmission
- experience isolation, homesickness, racism, housing, financial issues-



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individual factors	cultural factors	social & political factors	environmental & geographic factors
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age, sex, sexuality, poverty, health literacy, BBV/STI status, education, employment, migration history/journey experience, risk taking, help seeking, lifestyle factors, sexual violence, parental status, relationship status, sexual violence, family/networks

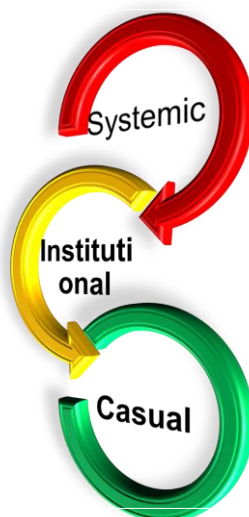
cultural norms/beliefs/practices, faith beliefs, health belief systems, intergenerational factors, BBV/STI prevalence, participation in community life

patriarchy, post-colonialism, institutional racism, discrimination, service access, poverty, homophobia, misogyny, institutional racism, migration/visa status, peer influence, media/multi media, eroticization/exoticism, access to culturally competent services, public policy & the law, settlement factors, structural factors

social isolation, social infrastructure & public amenity, health risk exposure, service access/availability



Racism



Intersectional oppression

- religious diversity
 - sex
 - socioeconomic status
 - sexuality
 - disability
 - age
- **Not just RACE.** People can be oppressed in a multitude of ways

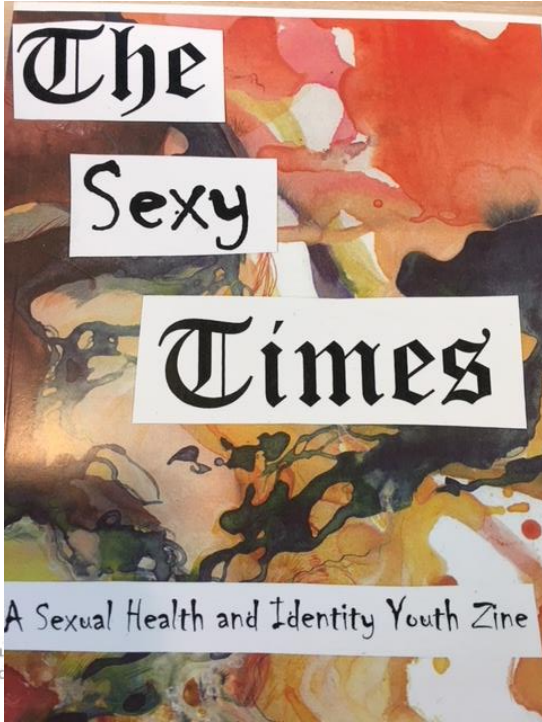


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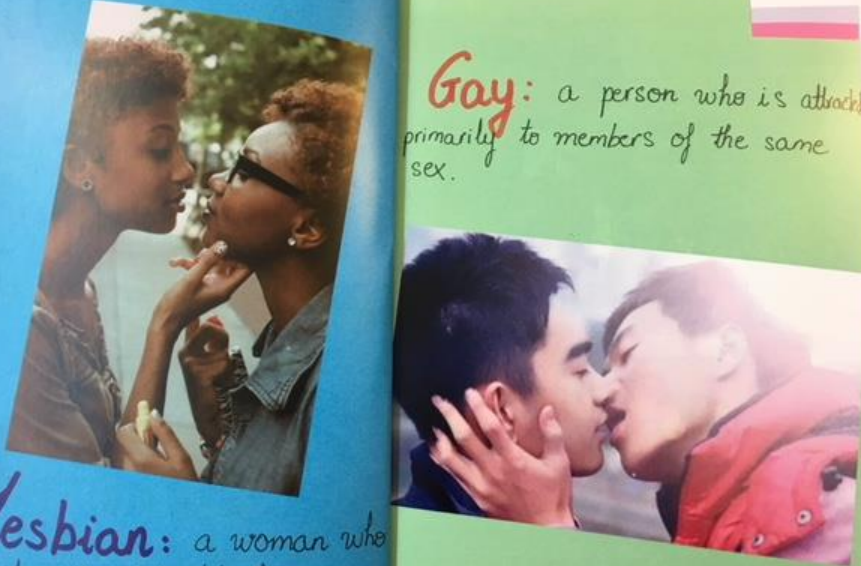


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Gay: a person who is attracted primarily to members of the same sex.

Lesbian: a woman who is primarily attracted to other women

The image shows two pages from a notebook. The left page has a blue background and features a photograph of two women kissing. Below the photo is the handwritten definition of 'Lesbian'. The right page has a green background and features a photograph of two men kissing. Above the photo is the handwritten definition of 'Gay'.

