

The Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health Program at Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland held a World AIDS Day Multicultural Community Forum on 23 November 2019. A total of 54 people including community and religious leaders from 17 different ethnic communities attended the forum. The forum provided updates on the latest HIV data and development in Australia and around the world. Johanna De Joodt, who is living with HIV, called audiences to fight against stigma, a major barrier for CALD people accessing HIV information, testing and treatment. Guest speakers also included Dr Julian Langton-Lockton the Clinical Director of the Sexual Health and HIV service in Metro North and Satrio Nindyo Istiko from Queensland Positive People. Discussions were followed up after speakers. The forum was well received.

We have developed a HIV brochure in simple English covering basic HIV information including transmission, testing, treatment and prevention methods such as using condoms, PrEP or PEP. The resource is being translated into Chinese and Vietnamese. A copy of the resource is available at www.eccq.com.au.

