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ECCV's anti-racism campaign launch led by an important conversation on challenges and solutions

Journalist Santilla Chingaipe will lead a discussion with Alan Dewis from Victoria Legal Aid, human rights lawyer Diana Sayed, award-winning community activist Barry Berih and VEOHRC Board Member Jennifer Huppert on how we can all thrive together

Glen Eira Town Hall: While the majority of Australians are open to the world, the cross section of those with a negative attitude towards immigration has remained constant over the past decade or so, reveals the Scanlon Foundation's Mapping Social Cohesion Report 2019. Unfortunately, the survey also found that the number of those who've reportedly faced discrimination on the basis of 'skin colour, ethnic origin and religion' has jumped from 9% in 2007 to 20% in 2017.

Since 1974, the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) has been actively advocating for social policies and services that are equitable, culturally responsive, and aligned with its commitment to human rights and a society where we are all free from any form of discrimination. ECCV's work is guided by the vision of a culturally diverse and harmonious society that is just, fair and inclusive for all. In keeping with our vision and advocacy priorities, the ECCV will be launching and leading a state-wide campaign – *All One Together: Connect. Communicate. Celebrate.*

The campaign will **amplify the responses to racism in Victoria and challenge the negative narratives** portrayed by certain media outlets and some political actors. By re-engaging the civic leadership of members of the Victorian community, the ECCV continues to carry on the legacy of founding members such as Walter and Lorna Lippmann.

The ECCV's vision for the All One Together campaign is to build on the foundations laid by our forebearers for a Victoria that is inclusive, socially cohesive, safe and vibrant for all of us to thrive together.

The campaign vision and objectives will be launched at a special Human Rights Day event on 9 December at Glen Eira Town Hall and will feature a panel comprising of:

- Alan Dewis, Associate Director, Aboriginal Services, Victoria Legal Aid
- Barry Berih, award-winning community activist - 2019 VMC Meritorious Award for Excellence
- Diana Sayed, human rights lawyer and CEO of the Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights

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- Jennifer Huppert, President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria and Board member – Victorian Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Commission Board member
- Moderated by award-winning journalist and filmmaker Santilla Chingaipe

“My motivation to join the panel and engage in this campaign is to ensure a First Peoples’ perspective is active as I’m an advocate for diversity and inclusion in Australia,” said Alan Dewis.

“A positive outcome from this event would be for wider support from the mainstream media to unite all Australians in embracing diversity, respecting differences and echoing sentiments that discriminations will not be accepted or tolerated.”

“We need to shed light on the impact of discrimination so that we can support those who are impacted by it, and so we can encourage those holding positions of influence in our community to show leadership, and take a strong stand against discrimination and intolerance,” added Jennifer Huppert.

For more information, please visit: allonetogetherlaunch.eventbrite.com.au

Event Details

ECCV Campaign Launch

All One Together: Connect. Communication. Celebrate.

Strengthening Connection, Realising Human Rights

Date & time: 6-8pm on Monday 9 December 2019

Venue: Glen Eira Town Hall (Theatrette), Glen Eira City Council

Media stop: 5.45pm – 6pm and 8pm – 8.15pm

To arrange interviews during these time slots, please contact us in advance.

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Ethnic Communities’ Council of Victoria (ECCV) is the peak advocacy body for culturally diverse communities in Victoria, since 1974. As the voice for multicultural Victoria, ECCV is the conduit with government and other stakeholders. We are a member driven organisation representing over 220 organizations on behalf of 70,000 members across Victoria. www.eccv.org.au

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