



Community Education Training for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you a bilingual community educator or leader with experience in public speaking and/or communicating with older people?

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) offers free training to enable people to deliver information sessions in their community to increase understanding of elder abuse and provide information about available support services.

The Elder Abuse Prevention Community Education program equips participants with training and dedicated, culturally-appropriate resources in a range of community languages. On completion, ECCV supports them to work with a range of seniors' organisations and community groups to raise awareness, help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people.

Since 2012, ECCV has trained more than 100 bilingual and bicultural community educators, who have delivered more than 550 information sessions to seniors in a range of CALD communities.

For more information: eccv.org.au/elder-abuse-prevention

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse is any act causing harm to an older person that is carried out by someone they know and trust, such as a family member, relative or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual, and can include mistreatment and neglect.

Elder abuse most commonly occurs within the family. Although it is believed to be greatly under-reported, the World Health Organisation estimates elder abuse affects 1-10 percent of older people worldwide.

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION



ECCV's Elder Abuse Prevention Community Education training program is designed to prepare bilingual members of CALD communities to deliver community education on elder abuse.

The program uses a community education resource kit developed by ECCV through community consultation. The kit includes culturally appropriate messages aimed at older people and their families, scenarios or stories to stimulate discussion and information on where to go for help. This kit is designed to be delivered in the participants' first language.

What's involved?

- A commitment to deliver two or more community education sessions per year to groups of older people in your community
- A commitment to complete the evaluation form and return them to ECCV following each session
- Completing a Self-Assessment and Registration Form with your previous experience and skills prior to attending

How will I be paid?

If you are a volunteer/casual, you will be paid a fee covering preparation, travel and delivery of the information session. An invoice to ECCV will be required. If you are conducting sessions as a paid worker with an ethno-specific organisation, ECCV will reimburse your organisation for your time. An invoice will be required. Remuneration is dependent on providing data and evaluation forms following each community education session.

Who is ECCV looking for?

ECCV is looking for bilingual community educators fluent in English and a community language, with experience in public speaking and/or communicating with older people. Past or current work in human services is desirable. Community leaders are encouraged to apply.

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