

# Media Alert



**Attention:** news editors, ethnic media, social affairs, community writers

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## **Report on culturally and linguistically diverse young people's experiences of sexual diversity and homophobia released**

### **What:**

The launch of the **TEACHING DIVERSITIES: SAME SEX-ATTRACTED YOUNG PEOPLE, CALD COMMUNITIES AND ARTS-BASED COMMUNITY EDUCATION** report.

### **When:**

Friday 16 September, Teaching Diversities Workshop: 11-12pm and again 12-1pm. The launch will take place at 1.50pm during lunch.

### **Where:**

RMIT Brunswick, 25 Dawson Street, Brunswick.

"Talking About Sex With Young People: an inter-university workshop day on sexualities and gender identities", a symposium hosted by a consortium of sexualities researchers from Deakin University, Monash University, RMIT and Victoria University. Register at [talking.sex45@gmail.com](mailto:talking.sex45@gmail.com)

### **Background:**

**Victoria University (VU)** and **The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)** have completed a community consultation of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people on their experiences of sexual diversity and homophobia. Young people (SSA and non-SSA) and service providers were consulted on the needs of SSA young people from emerging cultural backgrounds, specifically intergenerational conflict and ideas for arts-based community education about same sex attraction within CALD communities, including arts-based best practice models to achieve the project aims. Key findings include:

- Culturally diverse young people need role models from their own cultures including cultural advocates who are not LGBTQ.
- There is a need for more culture-based queer peer support groups to combat some of the isolation experienced.
- Information handouts for SSA young people need to be in diverse languages.
- Racism in the LGBTQ community needs to be addressed.
- Working with the younger, rather than older, generation is most advisable due to young people's lack of faith in the older generation's ability to change.
- Education about traditional sexualities diversity is needed.
- Arts are the most effective for educating about SSA young people's lives.

The report can be found at <http://www.cmy.net.au/TeachingDiversities>

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