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Date: HIV&AIDS Conference 6-8 November + Sexual Health Conference 7-9 November 2017

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra, ACT

With less than one week until registrations close, ASHM urge all in the field of Community Health to join influencers showcasing original contributions to HIV at the [2017 Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference](#) – the platform for the dissemination and presentation of new and innovative research findings across the Australasian HIV sector. This conference also is held jointly with the [2017 Australasian Sexual Health Conference](#), aiming to strengthen bonds between specialists, GPs, nurses, researchers and other key contributors to the sexual health sector, through collaboration in sexual health education, training, policymaking and research. Read more on conference highlights below!

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Don't miss out on these conference program highlights

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Join the joint-conference Symposium: [Meanings of Safe Sex among Gay Men](#)

The session aims to provide the following learning objectives:

- Increased understanding of emerging trends and changes in sexual practices and meanings of those practices for safe sex in gay men
- Expanded awareness of how changing practices and meanings of safe sex among Australian gay men relates to HIV prevention education and community responses
- Improved sensitivity to the complexity of diverse community perspectives on the meanings of safe sex among gay men



Join the session [Pushing the Boundaries: Reproductive health for young people](#)

Attending the session will enable attendees to gain insight into:

- Access to reproductive health services by young people, with particular focus on those who are marginalized - the very young, the homeless or in out-of-home care, and those living in remote and rural areas
- Improving service delivery of contraception, including Emergency Contraception, and pregnancy and parenting support to young people.



Join the session [Intimate Partner Violence](#)

focusing on an introduction to strategies for prevention of IPV developed from knowledge about perpetrators; knowledge of on-line interactive tools for assisting women experiencing IPV; and awareness of how a restorative justice approach to cases of sexual assault operates as an alternative to going to court.

[Don't miss the Sexual Health Proffered Papers on Sexuality & Genders](#) presented on the closing day of the conference.

HIV&AIDS Symposium highlight
When policy puts people at risk

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Don't miss the symposium: [When policy puts people at risk](#)

This symposium examines a number of key policy areas which increase the exposure of communities to infection risk or that pose barriers to effective prevention strategies, particularly people who inject drugs, sex workers, and people living with HIV facing criminal prosecution for exposure or transmission. The symposium recognizes that some important 'early wins', such as the opening of the supervised injecting facility in Kings Cross, the establishment of Australia's network of Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) facilities, the decriminalization of homosexuality, and the decriminalization and in some places legalization of sex work, have not translated into long-term, ongoing commitment to the reform of policies that continue to impede prevention.

HIV&AIDS Symposium highlight
Addressing access and inequity in Australia's HIV prevention response

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Don't miss the symposium: [Addressing access and inequity in Australia's HIV prevention response](#)

This session will discuss Australia's current HIV prevention response, identify where there are gaps in access and equity and strategies to address these gaps. The learning objectives to be achieved are:

- Greater awareness of the policy and funding response required for an effective prevention response
- Increased understanding of current epidemiological gaps in the Australia's HIV prevention response
- New knowledge from stakeholders on where inequity lies
- Increased awareness of how health services can respond to address access issues

HIV&AIDS Symposium highlight
HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

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Don't miss [proffered papers presented on HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis](#) including:

Dr Martin Holt (CSRH): [Community-Level Change In Condom Use Associated With HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis By Gay And Bisexual Men In Melbourne And Sydney, 2013-17](#)

Jason Asselin (Burnet): [Not Eligible But Still Risky: Understanding The Reasons PrEP-X Participants Were Enrolled At Clinicians' Discretion](#)

Don't miss out on keynote speakers!

Don't miss out on our [Sexual Health keynote speakers](#) + [HIV&AIDS keynote speakers](#), including:

Keynote Speaker Highlight

Nic Holas

The Institute of Many (TIM)

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Nic Holas is an activist, writer, and co-founder of The Institute of Many (TIM), an advocacy platform and grassroots movement for People Living with HIV. TIM has been identified as a major player in the nation's modern-day HIV response, delivering grassroots activism, digital campaigns, resources, events, and digital community spaces since 2012. [Don't miss his opening plenary *Living Online with HIV*](#)

Keynote Speaker Highlight

Ayden Scheim

University of California San Diego

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Ayden Scheim is a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Postdoctoral Fellow in Global Public Health at the University of California San Diego. He holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Western University in London, Canada. His research examines the impacts of social and policy environments on health behaviours and access to care among stigmatized populations, particularly LGBT communities and people who use drugs. For almost 15 years, he has worked to enhance sexual health promotion and HIV prevention for transgender communities in Canada and internationally through epidemiologic and social scientific research, health promotion, program development, and advocacy.

[Don't miss his opening plenary *Trans Rights, Sexual Health, and HIV: The View from Canada*](#)

Keynote Speaker Highlight

Eloise Brook

Western Sydney University

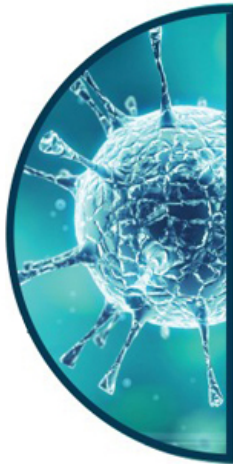
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Eloise Brook is a writer, advocate and academic. As an academic she has written on the formation of queer families on television. Her current research projects include; trans people in public health and developing models for media representation of trans in the Media. Ella is on the board of the Gender Centre. [Don't miss her closing plenary *Right side of History: Health Professionals Involved in the Transgender Community are on the Front Line of a Civil Rights Struggle*](#)



The AFAO Community Hub will again be a feature of this year's **Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference** with a program that will include sessions on:



- Early initiation of treatment: busting the myths
- HIV Cure: What would it look like?
- PrEP: working towards affordable and equitable access in Australia
- PrEP and STIs: idle chit chat or the next real challenge?
- Anti-microbial resistance in STIs: the role of community in addressing this emerging issue
- HIV and Mobility
- Aids Action Council: HIV and the Australian Capital Territory
- Imagining self-testing in Australia: opportunities and challenges
- Hidden populations and the virtual elimination of HIV: who are these populations, and how do we ensure they are included in the national response?
- Trans and gender diversity: making spaces safer and more inclusive through language

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