

Launch of SAMESH (SA Mobilisation + Empowerment for Sexual Health)

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SA Mobilisation + Empowerment for Sexual Health - SAMESH is here. The previously announced collaborative tender between SHine SA and VAC (Victorian AIDS Council) to create a new community led service aimed at delivering sexual health promotion programs in South Australia begins today with a highly skilled and dedicated team of South Australians who are keen to deliver health promotion services to the community.

SAMESH and its new team bring a broad range of experiences and skills to the project as they begin a three year contract with SA Health to deliver a range of services including campaign development, counselling, peer support, workforce education, rapid HIV testing, and support for people living with HIV.

“SAMESH is the combined efforts of two services, SHine SA and VAC, to create something new and unique to the area with the strengths of both” said SHine SA CEO Jill Davidson when asked about the new name, “It represents a meshing of local skills and knowledge with interstate cooperation, SAMESH answers a need within the community for support and information about Sexual Health and HIV that comes from members of that same community.”

“The goal of SAMESH, our goal is the empowerment and mobilisation of this community, our community” said Wills Logue, the team leader of SAMESH. “We are all very passionate about what we are trying to achieve here and moving forward we look forward to engaging with the community and delivering something of value to us all.”

“As a community we have achieved our greatest efforts when working together, this interstate collaboration is an exciting opportunity for both states and organisations to create something highly effective and controlled by the community.” Said VAC CEO Simon Ruth “By combining our resources and people we can achieve something to be proud of in South Australia.”

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