

Communication tools for organ and tissue donation

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today encouraged culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities to make use of updated communication tools to inform their members about organ and tissue donation.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos said that research showed that more than two out of three (67pc) of Australians were willing to become organ and tissue donors.

“However, many Australians of CALD background are not fully aware of what being a donor means or how to go about registering their decision,” she said.

“This set of [communication tools](#) is part of a community grant received by FECCA from the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) to engage CALD leadership on organ and tissue donation.

“Put simply, we have developed a valuable kit which CALD communities can use to engage with their members and supporters. We urge community leaders to make full use of them.”

The [communication tools](#) include:

- Recent facts and statistics
- Religious statements supporting donation
- Links to resources in multiple languages
- When and how to have a discussion on organ and tissue donation
- Conversation starters
- Ideas on how to help getting the message out and how to find out more.

A special edition of the magazine Australian Mosaic on [FECCA's website](#) gives details of the tools and resources to help start discussions on organ and tissue donations. The information is also on the [OTA website](#).

“We urge people in CALD communities to discover the facts about organ and tissue donation, make an informed decision to become a donor, register that decision—and discuss that decision with people close to you,” Ms Patetsos said.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and their organisations. FECCA provides advocacy, develops policy and promotes issues on behalf of its constituency to Government and the broader community.

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