



DAVID POLSON

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

In 1984 David Polson was amongst the first 400 men diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Australia.

Under the care of the late Professor David Cooper, David undertook 28 HIV drug trials all of which had significant and impactful side effects. David's ability to persevere through the drug trials is a testament to his innate resilience and his dedication to helping medical science find a treatment or cure. David effectively put his body on the line, he felt that this was his way of contributing; he has also taken part in many other adjunct studies...such as "Aging with HIV"

After the death of his HIV Doctor and friend Professor David Cooper, David decided to become an HIV advocate/educator focusing on educating people on new medications, testing, and helping reduce the stigma still present for people with HIV/AIDS.

He retired from working life in 1996 due to failing health but with the advent of triple therapy, his health has been partially restored. Left with a legacy of complex health issues, David now continues his work Educating about testing, Confronting stigma Promoting a healthy and positive life while living with HIV.

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CREDITS

Sydney University: Regular lecturer for over 14 years

NSW University: Guest lecturer

Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, University of Technology: filmed interview

Westmead Hospital: Regular lecturer from 2004

St Vincent's Hospital: Keynote speaker World AIDS Day 2009, regular speaker to Doctors, nursing and ancillary staff

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Keynote speaker World AIDS Day 2009/2010/2011. Regular guest lecturer during 2011 and 2012

Canterbury Hospital: Keynote speaker World AIDS Week 2012

Janssen-Cilag pharmaceutical company: Keynote speaker for the launch of "Intelence" HIV drug

Caritas Rehabilitation Centre: Keynote speaker World AIDS Day 2011

Presbyterian Aged Care Home: Keynote speaker for nursing staff World AIDS week 2012

NSW Public schools: HIV educational t to years 11 and 12 students

ABC Lateline program 2012: interviewed re: living with HIV personal story

ABC Television: Numerous interviews for news programs on HIV

Television China: 2011 HIV World AIDS Day

The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation: Phoenix Program. Motivational talk to people undertaking this program helping them to return to the workforce appeared in many Fundraising brochures latest brochure 2018 Keynote speaker 2018 Fundraiser

ACON: Genesis Program. Facilitator/Motivator to men and women newly diagnosed with HIV

National AIDS Trust of Australia:

National HIV campaign 2009/2010/2011

Keynote speaker AIDS Trust fundraising dinner 2012

Features on the AIDS Trust Website

Fairfax Radio Media: Interviewed 4BC 2012 Sydney Morning Herald interview "HIV no longer means certain death" Featured in documentary film for the Sydney Queer Film Festival

SBS Television: Featured in documentary revisiting closed Ward 17 South (HIV/AIDS ward during the height of the epidemic)for 30 year anniversary of Mardi Gras St Vincent's Hospital documentary on St Vincent's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and Ward 17 South Featured in tribute to Professor David Cooper video broadcast on SBS television

Star Observer: Tribute interview for Professor David Cooper

NSW University The Kirby Institute: Annual report featured as a long term survivor

Ambassador for the HIV Future Fund – featured on campaign brochures and in the 35-year commemorative book on the Curran Foundation Speaker at Fundraising events

Contributing writer to magazines such as Talk About, Positive Life and a regular contributor to Letters to The Editor -The Star Observer and the Sydney Morning Herald