

Who cares (wins)

Community-led action has been a driving force behind Australia's response to HIV and has led to major advances in prevention, diagnosis and treatment, in research, practice and policy. The benefits of these advances are seen mainly amongst members of the most actively engaged community: Australian-born gay and bisexual men, who have borne the brunt of the Australian epidemic. How can we hope for similar success in the response to HIV in other populations, some of whom are not self-conscious communities? What is the basis of a "community response" in communities for whom HIV affects a minority of their members? What is the role of the established HIV partnership in addressing inequities experienced by marginalised populations, without sacrificing the gains already made?