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Cultural Diversity Week celebrated at David House

Around 100 people with disabilities, staff and families from **annecto-the people network's** David House at Yarraville celebrated Cultural Diversity Week in grand style last week as part of Victoria's multicultural celebrations to raise awareness of our cultural, linguistic and religious diversity in the community and at workplaces.

Much enjoyment came from music and entertainment provided by annecto staff members Theo Aguiard who played the drums, and Nick Koutroumanis accompanied by parent Andrew Anastasiadis demonstrating traditional Greek Folk dancing and encouraging all to join in. **annecto** David House Support and Planning Coordinator Kate Worland acknowledged the day was a success with many participants wanting to get involved again for next year's Diversity Week.

'The event explored cultural differences of people from other countries and stimulated great discussion about differences in religion and social norms that people experience as part of their day to day life ', she said.

African Drums were loaned from Hobson's Bay Council Youth Services while African, Middle Eastern and Vietnamese/Chinese Footscray traders provided support for the day.

annecto – the people network is an independent, not for profit association located in the Northern, Eastern and Western Metropolitan areas of Melbourne, Grampians region and the Loddon Mallee region, and is committed to increasing opportunities and choices and enhancing the quality of life for people with a disability, older persons and their carers. Our services and support enables older individuals and their carers to remain living independently in their own home within the community.

Case study interviews and images available.

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