Upcoming meetings

LGBTQI Working Group:
Reflective Discussion
May 28th, 6:30pm to
9pm
Montreal Gay and
Lesbian Community
Center

General Assembly
June 4th, 9:30am to
12:30pm
UQAM, room DS-1950

Executive Committee 4 juin, 13h à 16h UQAM, room W-4250

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TESTIMONIAL EXAMPLE

An HIV+ woman is interviewed on the TV show C'est ça la vie



On October 17th 2011, Alexandra de Kiewit openly talked about living qith HIV on Radio-Canada television. She says that "HIV saved her life!" because it gave her a wake-up call. She now wishes to be an agent of change.

CLICK HERE to see the interview (in French only)

Pre-STUDY DAY Activities

VIHsibilité's Advisory Committee reunion: On May 4th 2012, a special "reunion" meeting at UQAM brought together 16 people who were part of the VIHsibilité Project's advisory committee. The group collectively interpreted results from 19 interviews conducted with HIV-positive people who have given testimonials to the media. The exchanges we had were extremely rich! Thanks to all who participated.

Reflective Discussion on the Uses of Testimonials as an Intervention Practice for LGBTQI-identified people. On May 28th, from 6:30pm to 9pm, members from a number of LGBTQI organizations (GRIS-Montréal, PolitiQ, ATQ, Arc en ciel d'Afrique, IRIS-Estrie, SILK) will be attending a discussion activity at the Montreal Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The objective of this meeting will be to share thoughts and experiences with regards to social intervention strategies that are based on the use of testimonials.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The signature process for the partnership agreement has now been completed. Congratulations to us all! The five community partners (COCQ-SIDA, GRIS-Montréal, PolitiQ, POWER, Stella) and the institutional partner (COHDS) will receive their copies at the next General Assembly on June 4th 2012. As well, each the community partner will soon get the installment for work completed in 2011-2012.

REMINDER: Collaborative Writing Project

What are the most important ethical issues and political challenges that arise when setting up a partnership such as ours? Are there specific dimensions of doing research on testimonial cultures that you'd like to explore? A collaborative writing project is currently underway with the aim of producing an article on these issues to be published in a scientific journal. An outline of the article can be found on DROPBOX in "PUBLIC / ARTICLE pour revue NPS". You are invited and encouraged to participate in this project as one of the co-authors. It's also fine simply to submit your ideas, suggestions or comments by adding your own document(s) to this folder. Pour plus de détails, communiquez avec Thomas Haig: haig.thomas@ugam.ca



IN FRENCH ONLY

Do you work with people who live with HIV? Have you been asked to accompany or provide support to people who have given public testimonials, or have you been involved in co-producing testimonials about the experience of living with HIV that have been disseminated in the media? If so, this workshop is for you!

The goal of the workshop is to allow community workers, researchers and journalists to:

- & better understand the contexts in which people living with HIV give public testimonials;
- discuss the issues that testimonials raise in terms of intended purpose and in terms of the people and social sectors involved in producing them;
- increase awareness of how to act ethically and in solidarity with people living with HIV who give testimonials;
- develop skills for taking action in different contexts.

Upcoming Workshop Dates: Friday, June 15th 2012, in Québec City

Friday, September 14th 2012, in Montreal

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