Collaboration

Jorella Andrews, Department of Visual Cultures
I used to be creative when I was young in 1994. So it brought the memories back to when I was young. I learnt from Joyce. So when I went home I said I need to try better. I got inspired.

I loved that by the second and third week people were really creative.
To all who come with a song a smile and a bright eye are welcome here for ever.
HEALTH INEQUALITIES
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WELCOME HOME

Red Ribbon Living Well is a partnership with Deptford People’s Heritage Museum.

Since 2015, Red Ribbon Living Well has been a place of culture and support for people living with and affected by HIV. Come and see our vibrant community centre and learn more about how we can be a positive force for our local community.

Wednesday 1 December
11 am - 3.30 pm
The Somerisle
288 Queen Road
New Cross
London SE1 0UN

Our programme details are enclosed.

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PROGRAMME

11.00 Tea and Coffee

11.15 Welcoming Address
By Sense Joe, Sun Walk, Brockley.

11.30 Performance of the Gaelic Folk Song, "O Praise God" by Members of the Gaelic Choir of the Red Ribbon Living Well community.

11.20 The Red Ribbon Living Well Story
A talk by Vannessa Norris, founder and director of Red Ribbon Living Well, and her sister by Rose Nalletti.

11.45 Challenging Health Inequalities
Dr. Ayala K. V. (Iwale Wobforcements) and Miss Becker, both community leaders from the West Indies, talk about food in the Anguilla Islands. The story of the "Black King" and the presentation by Dr. E. J. Mantle, "The History of the Black King".

12.00 Lunch and Networking
Delicious African food and the opportunity to relax and network.

1.30 Video Screening and Discussion
Extraordinary performance of the Gospel Choir of Red Ribbon Living Well, led by David Scott. The film "No Room for Racial Stigma" and how these can be overcome.

2.15 Wine Tasting with a Candle Lighting Ceremony
Demos and art works created by Red Ribbon Living Well chat member will also be on show.

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Information and Advice about Testing

“Better off Knowing”

HIV testing in the UK is free, voluntary and confidential. You can be tested at a sexual health clinic, a GP surgery, A&E, a community testing project or at home using a self-test. Having an HIV test is the only way to know for sure whether you have HIV or you don’t.

The sooner you know you have HIV the sooner you can get the medical care you need. This will give you the best chance of getting the treatment and care you need to stay well.

U=U means “Undetectable and Untransmittable”

This means that when a person living with HIV is on regular treatment that lowers the amount of virus in their body to undetectable levels, there is zero risk of passing on HIV to their partners. The low level of virus is described as an undetectable viral load.

People who are taking HIV treatment and have an undetectable viral load do not pass HIV on to their sexual partners. The U=U campaign is supported by the British HIV Association (BHIVA), which is the professional association for doctors and other healthcare professionals working in HIV in the UK.

What is PrEP?

PrEP is Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis. It is a once-daily pill regimen that can help you stay HIV-negative. It is an approved prescription medication.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a form of HIV prevention that uses anti-HIV drugs to protect HIV-negative people from acquiring HIV.

PrEP is highly effective for preventing HIV. PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99% when taken as prescribed.

Addressing stigma and health inequalities

Stigma and health inequalities create significant barriers to accessing testing, prevention, and care for BAME communities.

All national and local HIV treatment and prevention initiatives should explicitly plan and evaluate how they will address HIV-related stigma, discrimination and health inequalities. Stigma isn’t something that’s new and it isn’t something that’s going to go away overnight.

Alongside this, we must increase the knowledge and awareness of HIV amongst the general healthcare workforce and service providers e.g., Housing, Jobcentre, Citizen Advice and all government bodies.
“... we were like a nest ... ourselves ... but when we started working with Goldsmiths we started coming out, slowly by slowly by slowly"

Husseina Hamza, 8 August 2023.
“The way in which the world is imagined determines at any particular moment what people will do.”

“The justification for a university is that it preserves the connection between knowledge and the zest of life …

Thank You