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Call for Applications

Opening Doors Planning Committee Community Members

The Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (THN) organizes ‘Opening Doors Toronto’ which brings service providers, caregivers and people living with HIV together to discuss issues and strategies and to learn from each other. Planning of this initiative is supported by a Planning Committee with THN member agency and community member representatives.

The Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (THN) is seeking community members who are living with or affected by HIV to become members of its Opening Doors Planning Committee. This volunteer position provides an opportunity to contribute to the team that assists in planning the yearly Opening Doors Toronto.

Steering Committee Community Member qualifications:

- Lived experience as a person living with or affected by HIV who is a resident of the City of Toronto.
- Knowledge of HIV community and related health and social services.
- Ability to contribute as an independent voice with a broad community perspective, regardless of any affiliation or connection with an ASO or HIV specific program.
- Demonstrated development in leadership, for example, Ontario AIDS Network (OAN) PHA Leadership Development Training or other PHA capacity-building program, and/or committee experience.
- Experience with and sensitivity to diverse communities.

Role of the Opening Doors Planning Committee

All committee members bring their experience, commitment and ideas to help move forward priorities of the Toronto HIV/AIDS Network. The overall goals of the Opening Doors Counselling Initiative are to:

1. Enhance local community capacity to provide effective counselling and support to people living with and/or affected by HIV;
2. Promote meaningful partnerships between service providers, people living with HIV, and other community members to identify and meet the needs of the local community;
3. Promote anti-oppression and social determinants of health approaches to HIV/AIDS-related support and counselling.

Time and participation commitment:

- Planning Committee meetings (approx. 7 meetings from Sept. to Mar. for 2-3 hours).
- Possibilities for sub-committee participation (generally 1-2 meetings)
- Participation and support during Opening Doors Toronto event(s) as required.

An honorarium for meeting attendance is available to the Community members on the Planning Committee to recognize and support this level of volunteer lived experience contribution.

Further information about [THN](#) and [Opening Doors Toronto](#) can be found at www.torontohivaidsnetwork.org.

How to Apply:

Please send a letter expressing your interest including a list of activities or résumé of volunteer and/or job positions that help outline your experiences.

For more information or any questions please call: Brian at 416-506-8606 x 115.

Applications should be submitted to Brian@torontohivaidsnetwork.org no later than **Friday, September 6th**

Or Deliver to...

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