

Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (THN) Update #18.28 – October 9, 2018

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Toronto Fast Track Cities Initiative

- **Toronto Fast Track Cities Initiative** presentation and Town Hall will be held on **Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Location: The 519 Ballroom. It's up to us! Come out and discuss how we can end the HIV epidemic in Toronto, together. *[please see the attachment for more information]*

Community News and Information

- The **Toronto Urban Health Fund** is now accepting Letter of Intent applications for one-year project funding for 2019. [The Letter of Intent application and Funding Guide can be found here.](#) Letters of Intent are due on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018** *[please see the attachment for more information]*

Toronto Municipal Election

- Toronto Municipal election will be held on **Monday October 22 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.** Electors vote in the ward they live in.
- Advance vote for Toronto's municipal election begins **Wednesday, October 10** and will run for five continuous days, from **October 10 to October 14 between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at 50 locations across the city. There are two voting locations in each ward. Advance vote will also be offered at Toronto City Hall. Electors, regardless of where they live in Toronto, can vote at City Hall during the advance vote period.
- For more information and voting locations [please click here to view](#) or <https://www.toronto.ca/elections/myvote>
- **Social Planning Toronto** has released 5 issues you need know about for October 22. [Please click here to view.](#) The five issues Poverty, Housing, Jobs, Public Transit, and Child Care are presented.

Community Events, Programs and Seminars

- Save Ontario's Overdose Prevention Sites and Safe Consumption Services meeting being held on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018: 2 to 4 p.m.** Location: 55 University Avenue, 15th Floor, Toronto [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]
- Toronto Public Health is presenting **HIV 101** on **Thursday, November 1, 2017 and Friday, November 2, 2017 9:30 am - 4:30 pm** (both days) at Metro Hall, Room 308, 55 John St. (King & John) [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]
- The AIDS Committee of Toronto **Totally outRIGHT Toronto** Recruitment has begun for *Totally outRIGHT Toronto* (ACT sexual health leadership program) for **young gay, bi, pansexual and queer men, ages 18-29** who want to be community leaders, including racialized guys, guys from diverse ethnic communities, trans guys, and guys living with HIV. It's an opportunity for participants to develop leadership skills, connect with interesting guest community speakers, as well as meet other young gay, bi, queer male identified peers. Will be held over four **Saturdays: October 27 and November 3, 17, 24, 2018.** . [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]

PHA and Peer Programming and Webinars

- Ontario Positive Asian (OPA+) and Intercultural Exchange Series (IES) presents **SPICES OF LIFE: Let's Chat: Exchanging Greetings in Asian Languages and Understanding Cultural Etiquettes.** The event will be held on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** Location: Fife House Community Room. Dinner and tokens will be provided. Spaces are limited. [Please see the attached poster for more information.]
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- The AIDS Committee of Toronto - **Community Health Forum on Autism & 90-90-90: Reaching for the Goal.** Presenting preliminary findings on ACT's "ASD & HIV Prevention Needs Assessment" survey and explaining the impact the autism spectrum has on negotiation safer sex, accessing services, and community connectivity. **Thursday October 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** (a light dinner will be offered at 6:30) **Location:** Ramada Plaza Hotel (300 Jarvis Street) [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]
- **Fife House** is hosting a weekly Mindfulness drop-in group starting on **Wednesday's till November from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Experience how mindfulness can help train your attention and help connect you to the present moment [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]
- **Peer Summit – AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Program of Ontario (ABRPO), Fife House, McEwan Housing and Support Services, and the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA)** present on ways to navigate food insecurity in Toronto. The speakers will provide information on how to prepare meals using common foods sourced from Toronto food banks, maintaining a healthy diet with limited access to fresh foods, and more. The Peer Summit will be held on **Friday, October 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Location: Fife House, Community

Room, 490 Sherbourne Street. To register please email: summitregistration@fifehouse.org [Please see the attached flyer for more information.]

Annual General Meetings (save the date)

- **2-Spirited People of the First Nations'** Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** Location: 145 Front Street, Suite 105. [Please see the attached poster for more information]
- **HIV AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)'s** Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:00pm.** Location: 55 University Avenue, 14th Floor Room H2, Toronto, Ontario [\[please click here for more information\]](#)

Surveys, Studies and Focus Group

- **Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment, Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention, and Asian Community AIDS Services (CAAT-ASSAP-ACAS)** collaboration for International Student HIV (ISHIV) study is seeking volunteers for a study on what challenges may be encountered by HIV+ international students when accessing treatment and health services. **Eligibility criteria:** 16+ years or older; HIV+ person who holds (or has held) a student visa to Canada in the last 5 years; and who is able to communicate and provide consent in English. **Compensation:** \$50.00, plus TTC tokens. [Please see the attached poster for more information.]
- **HIV Stigma Index** is seeking participants to collect information about their experiences living with HIV related to stigma, discrimination, and human rights. **Eligibility criteria:** living with HIV. **Compensation:** \$50.00. Interview will last between 1 to 2 hours. [Please see the attached poster for more information.]
- **Consultation on Strengthening Canada's approach to Substance abuse issues.** The purpose of this consultation is to ask Canadians for new and innovative ideas on how to further strengthen the federal government's health-focussed approach to substance use issues through the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy (CDSS) [Please click here for more information and to participate](#)
- **HIV Prevention Lab** is seeking individuals for **Project THRIVE+**. It is a 10 session individual cognitive behavioural therapy treatment to reduce trauma-related distress and increase antiretroviral treatment adherence and engagement in HIV care in gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men living with HIV. In this study, participants will be randomly assigned to receive 10 individual counselling sessions or 2 individual counselling sessions. Randomization will be stratified by the presence or absence of current post-traumatic stress disorder diagnosis. Participants will complete baseline assessments involving self-report questionnaires and clinician-administered interviews, as well as assessments 3, 6, and 9 months later. Medication adherence will be tracked through the use of Wisepill dispensers. Treatment adherence will also be assessed

through self-report measures and by obtaining viral load and CD4 cell counts from participants' healthcare providers. **Compensation:** Individuals who get randomized to the Treatment group will get paid up to **\$375** and individuals randomized to the control group will get paid up to **\$230**. There is no waitlist. This study is led by Dr. Conall O'Cleirigh (the Fenway Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Harvard Medical School) and Dr. Trevor Hart (HIV Prevention Lab Director, Ryerson University and the University of Toronto). *[Please see the attached poster for more information.]*

Employment, Volunteer, and Board Opportunities

- **Social Planning Toronto** is seeking 2 member to join their Board of Directors Nomination
Deadline: **Friday, October 12, 2018** *[please see the attached call for nominations for more information]*
- **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)** is seeking four (4) Peer Research Assistants (part-time). Application Deadline: Open till filled *[please see the attached job posting for more information]*
- **Canadian HIV AIDS Legal Network** is seeking a Director of Development (full-time). Application Deadline: **Monday, October 22, 2018** [Please click here for more information](#)
- **Supporting Newcomer Access Project (SNAP) at Planned Parenthood Toronto** is seeking volunteers. Application Deadline: **Friday, October 26, 2018**. *[please see the attached flyer for more information]*

Member Agency Fundraisers

- **ACT** on the eve of **World AIDS Day** will acknowledge the people and organizations dedicated to preventing HIV, caring for and empowering people living with the virus, and the movement to end HIV in Toronto at the **Together Towards Zero Luncheon**. This year's luncheon will be held on **Friday, November 30, 2018 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** St. Regis Hotel Toronto, 325 Bay Street

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