



AIDS Committee of Ottawa's
Activities and events for
AIDS Awareness Week 2011
November 24th – December 1st

Thursday, November 24th:

RED RIBBON WORKSHOP – Help us prepare for World AIDS Day by making Red Ribbons. The Red Ribbon is the universally recognised symbol of awareness and support for those living with HIV. Anyone can help make Red Ribbons, we'll show you how!
5.30-8pm at Gay Zone, Centretown Community Health Centre, 420 Cooper St

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS WEEK STALL – Be a supporter: Get your Red Ribbon at Gay Zone and find out about World AIDS Day 2011 campaigns and events.
5.30-8pm at Gay Zone, Centretown Community Health Centre, 420 Cooper St

Friday, November 25th:

POSITIVE ATTITUDE COFFEE TALK – The first of an ongoing coffee club for people living with HIV. The hope for this new group is to inspire discussion, allow space to share stories and ultimately to have a few laughs!
6-7.30pm at AIDS Committee of Ottawa, 251 Bank St, Suite 700
Contact Grant on 613-238-5014 ext 224 to RSVP.

Saturday, November 26th:

MAGNET PARTY: A Party for Poz Guys and Guys who Love Them! – The quarterly Magnet Party aims to create a safer space for disclosure, connection and access to safer sex information and tools for poz guys in the Ottawa area and their friends and family. Join DJ Rush'n Noiz (Montreal), The Burlesque Troupe Glam Gam Productions (Montreal), Capital Tease Burlesque, Mr. Leather Ottawa 2012 Isaac Wesley, and others in celebrating this World AIDS Day tie-in event themed around sex-POZitivity and anti-body fascism!
From 10pm at Centretown Pub, 340 Somerset St West

Monday, November 28th:

HIV 101 – An interactive presentation and discussion on the basics of HIV transmission, risk factors, social impacts, sex positivity and harm reduction techniques.
5.30-7.30pm in The Living Room (AIDS Committee of Ottawa), 251 Bank St, Suite 700
Contact Camille on 613-238-5014 ext 228 to RSVP.

Tuesday, November 29th:

DISCUSSION on DISCLOSURE (in English) – An event open to all PHAs to share their personal experiences. What does disclosure look like? Who do we disclose to? Do we need to? We talk about disclosure vs. non-disclosure, techniques to disclosing and ways to protect against criminal prosecution, physical harm and emotional distress.
6-8pm in The Living Room (AIDS Committee of Ottawa), 251 Bank St, Suite 700
Contact Grant on 613-238-5014 ext 224 for more information.

Wednesday, November 30th:

DISCUSSION sur le DÉVOILEMENT (en français) – Porte ouverte à toutes les PVVIH pour partager leurs expériences personnelles. Cela ressemble quoi, le dévoilement? À qui doit-on dévoiler? Dans quelles situations il faudrait dévoiler? On discutera sur le dévoilement et non-dévoilement, des techniques du dévoilement et des techniques contre des poursuites pénales, des maux corporelles et la détresse émotionnelle.

14h-16h dans Le vivoir (Le Comité du sida d'Ottawa), 251 rue Bank, bureau 700. Contacter Haoua à 613-238-5014 ext 237 pour plus de renseignements.

Thursday, December 1st (World AIDS Day):

LUNCHTIME BLITZ! – Join a team of ACO volunteers who will be blitzing the streets during lunch hour in order to raise awareness for HIV/AIDS and distribute red ribbons and information to the community of Ottawa. Meet us in The Living Room at 11.30am to stock up on ribbons and be assigned a location.

11.30am for a 12noon start – meet in The Living Room (AIDS Committee of Ottawa), 251 Bank St, Suite 700

DOCUMENTARY AND PANEL DISCUSSION: “The Woman I Have Become” – A documentary which follows the lives of five women living with HIV in Toronto: from genocide to HIV infection to immigration and now life in Canada. Join us for a screening of this moving documentary, with guest speaker and panel discussion to follow. An event held in partnership between ACO, Somerset West Community Health Centre, Ottawa Public Health and Carleton University’s Institute of African Studies.

5-8.30pm at Carleton University, Arts Lounge, Dunton Tower Room 2017

FILM NIGHT: “House of Boys” – Set in the emerging gay dance club scene of Amsterdam 1984, House of Boys tells the story of Frank, a high school kid who leaves home and falls into the exciting new world of free sex, music and dance. When Frank's new world is suddenly turned upside down, his struggle for courage in the face of the unknown gives him a new and deep understanding of the true meaning of love. (Luxembourg and Germany, 2009, in English)

5.30-8pm at Gay Zone, Centretown Community Health Centre, 420 Cooper St

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS WEEK STALL – Be a supporter: Get your Red Ribbon at Gay Zone and find out about World AIDS Day 2011 campaigns and events.

5.30-8pm at Gay Zone, Centretown Community Health Centre, 420 Cooper St

SPEAKER’S PANEL: “Global to Local: Uniting perspectives on HIV/AIDS” – HIV programs and initiatives may vary from region to region, but visions of greater health and lower infection rates remain the same. This speaker’s panel, featuring panelists from the ACO, the Oasis program at Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, Carleton University and Oxfam’s Southern Africa program, aims to raise awareness around HIV and demonstrate how HIV is a united battle. Hosted by Oxfam and University of Ottawa’s Global Health Team of Health Promotion.

7-9pm at Agora, Jock Turcot University Centre, University of Ottawa, 85 University Private

Swizzles Bar hosts FABIEN MELANSON from TITAN RAIN! – Performing a benefit set, hosting a silent auction, and collecting donations in support of World AIDS Day and the ACO, Titan Rain frontman Fabien Melanson hits centre stage at Swizzles Bar on December the 1st. Visit www.titanrain.ca and www.aco-cso.ca for further details!

Swizzles Bar, 246 Queen St

