



Open heart House in solidarity with our HIV Positive membership network, colleagues and friends, is supporting the following HIV Awareness activities and events as we continue to shatter the stigma and silence on HIV:

Saturday 28th November

Corporate banking HIV awareness day at Open Heart House

A team of 25 volunteers from Barclay's Bank will engage in a refurbishment project at Open Heart House

HIV and Human Rights - radio panel discussion

Open Heart House joins colleagues in a live radio discussion on HIV and Human Rights, which will include an Irish and International flavor.

Time: 7.00pm. Radio: News Talk 106fm. Programme: Global Village

Open Heart House and the media

Come and visit our new interactive website at www.openhearthouse.ie, where you can join our online forum, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Watch out for us through Metro Eirann, Gay Community News and other national newspapers.

David Harvey interviews Hagan Bolger and Sergio Moura from Open Heart House on City Channel's The Evening Show to be shown 4 times next week from Monday.

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Monday 30th November

Lightening it up!

A private dinner for Open Heart House members and volunteers with guest appearance from some of Irelands leading comedians

Venue: Open heart House. Time: 6.30pm till 9.00pm

Fig trees

Screening of 'Fig Trees': 30 November, 6pm, Irish Film Institute (IFI). Presented in collaboration with Dóchas and HIV Services Network (HSN) just in advance of World Aids Day. Open Heart House is an active member of HSN.

'Fig Trees' won a Teddy Award at this year's Berlin International Film Festival. This highly original documentary takes aim at the outrageous greed of pharmaceutical companies that allowed millions to die when they could have lived. The central protagonists of Fig Trees are two of the leading figures of AIDS activism: Tim McCaskell, a founder of the Canadian AIDS Action Now, who has been living with AIDS for 25 years, and Zackie Achmat of Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa, who went on a treatment strike in 1989, refusing to take anti-retroviral drugs until they were made generally available in South Africa. For further information log on to http://www.irishfilm.ie/cinema/dispfilm_07.asp?filmID=6597&Date=30/11/2009&PageID=15

Venue: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin. Time: 6.30pm

Bookings: www.ifibooking.ie/ or at Cinema Box Office: 01 679 3477

Cost: €10

Tuesday 1st December

Open Heart House Awareness and Fundraising event

Come and support the Open Heart House gang on O'Connell Street and the IFSC throughout the day. We will be easily recognized with our new brand T-shirts. More volunteer needed. Please contact Hagan on 086 387 9059 if you have a few hours to spare.

Dublin AIDS Alliance Open Day

Suitable for youth groups and other individuals interested in HIV and sexual health information. Activities on the day will include: Interactive games to increase your knowledge of HIV; Information stand on Sexual Health; Finding out more about condom use; Your sexual health questions answered by our experienced team; DVD screening of 'Positive Youth' on HIV in Ireland and Zambia (for group bookings); Learning more about the services provided by the DAA team. Individuals interested in attending can walk in on the day. Groups must book in advance by contacting Peig or Niamh on 01 – 8733799, E: admin@dublinaidalliance.ie.

11 am – 3 pm, Dublin AIDS Alliance, 53 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1.

Launch of New HIV+ Sex booklet

Ireland's Gay Health Network (GHN) is to launch a booklet, 'Living with HIV+ Sex,' on December 1 2009. Aimed at HIV-positive men and their male sex partners, the booklet is the first of its kind in Ireland. It addresses being HIV-positive and having a fulfilling and healthful sex life. Open Heart House and its Gay membership are active partners of GHN. See: www.ghn.ie

Ceremony of Light & Remembrance for those affected by HIV and AIDS

Venue: The Unitarian Church, 112, St. Stephens Green West, Dublin 2. Time: 7.00pm All are welcome!

Wednesday 2nd December

GAY Poz Club

The 1st Tuesday Club – Irelands only monthly LGBT HIV Poz Club will now run on Wednesday 2nd December to facilitate Open heart House membership attend other World Aids Day events.

Venue: Open Heart House. Time: 6.30pm till late. Private members Club

Saturday 5th December

International Volunteer Day 5th December 2009

Volunteers, this is your moment. Celebrate International Volunteer Day 2009!

IVD, the 5th of December, offers an opportunity for volunteer organizations and individual volunteers to concretely show their contributions to peace and development. Over the years, rallies, parades, community volunteering projects, environmental awareness, free medical care and advocacy campaigns have all featured prominently on IVD.

Recognizing the crucial role volunteers' play in addressing environmental issues, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is inviting everyone to join the "Volunteering for our Planet" campaign. Together with UN's 'Seal the Deal' movement, the campaign aims to gather the number of volunteering hours and report this at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (7-18 December) in Copenhagen.

Visit www.worldvolunteerweb.org for more information!

Irish Volunteer of the Year represents Ireland at the European Parliament

On Thursday, 5th November, 2009 Volunteering Ireland honoured 30 of Ireland's exceptional volunteers at the 2009 Ireland Involved Awards! Hosted by the Office of the Taoiseach at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, three volunteers in each of 10 categories received national recognition for their voluntary efforts. President Mary McAleese awarded the thirty volunteers with certificates for their outstanding efforts, and 10 volunteers received trophies as Category Awardees. Christine Buckley from the Aislinn Education and Support Centre for Survivors of Institutional Abuse was chosen as Irish Volunteer of the Year 2009, and will go on to represent Ireland on a European level at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 5th December. For more information about the Ireland Involved Awards, please visit www.ireland-involved.ie.

Tuesday 8th December

Forum on HIV science and criminal prosecution of HIV transmission

Venue: NUI Maynooth, Hamilton Institute Seminar Room (in Rye Hall) <http://www.nuim.ie/location/maps/north.shtml>

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Featuring in conversation:

Edwin Bernard

Writer and activist, with GNP+, IAS, NAM, NAT, and UNAIDS

<http://edwinjbernard.com/>

<http://criminalhivtransmission.blogspot.com/>

Dr. Stéphane Hué

University College London, Division of Infection and Immunity

<http://www.vgb.ucl.ac.uk/shue.shtml>