



## **POSITIVE SPACE**

### **THE PLHIV NETWORKING ZONE**

### **AT AIDS2006 TORONTO**

### **Relax your feet, train your mind**



**Coordinated by the GNP+ and ICW.  
Located on the main aisle of the  
Global Village**

**What is YOUR biggest challenge ?  
What is YOUR biggest achievement ?**  
At AIDS2006, **GNP+** will be assisting diverse voices of people living with HIV to highlight your **achievements and challenges**.

We, PLHIV from all countries and from all walks of life face daily challenges in living with HIV, but we can also be **proud** of many personal and collective achievements. Through an insert in the conference bag, **GNP+** invites you to **share** your experiences of stigma and discrimination, but also to share your **positive experiences**, such as living openly with HIV and being accepted.

**GNP+** will facilitate **unheard voices and underrepresented regions**. We want to know what your needs are, and we want to give you **Positive Space** for outing your concerns as well as your successes. **GNP+** will give special attention to **Positive Professionals**: People living with HIV working in HIV know firsthand how decisions related to care and treatment impact our lives and the lives of those we serve.

**We women living with HIV are many things.** And there are many things we are not! We are not passive victims, nor are we statistics. **Each day** of the conference we will give out a different challenge. We will focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health; Access to Care, Treatment and Support; The Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV; Challenging Taboos; and Act Now!.

**ICW's 5 Key Messages** confront stereotypes and vacuous rhetoric. We're here, alive and kicking, and we want to stimulate passionate, intelligent discussions.

**Ask** us what 'sexual and reproductive health rights and realities' mean in our lives. **Understand** how gender affects our ability to get decent treatment, support and care. **Explore** how HIV positive women interpret the words, 'Act Now'. **Learn** from our experiences and knowledge. **Engage** with our challenges to halt HIV's devastating consequences, which are increasingly affecting women and girls.

**Visit us in the vibrant Community heart of the conference:  
the Global Village**

The **Positive Space** has its own program. Naturally, there will be lots of time for **networking** in the networking zone.

But there will also be lots of time for **discussions**. Every day there will be informal discussions based on one of the sessions in the conference program. Then for two hours we will **open the floor** for any PLHIV network to start a discussion on an issue which is important to PLHIV. Afterwards there will be space for a two hour **meet and greet**, where ICW and GNP+ representatives will facilitate information exchange on regional issues. **Find out what PLHIV networks are doing in YOUR part of the world.**

The **Positive Space** is located next to the main aisle in the Global Village. Thanks to the sponsorship of **SUMO Urban Lounge Gear**, Positive Space has become a colourful and relaxing space, where you can rest your feet and train your mind.

## POSITIVE SPACE MENU ACTIVITIES IN THE PLHIV NETWORKING ZONE

<b>Time</b>	<b>Sunday August 13</b>	<b>Monday August 14</b>	<b>Tuesday August 15</b>
<b>8.30</b>	Networking	Networking	Networking
<b>10.00</b>	Networking	<b>Discussion</b> Women and HIV: Issues from the High Level meeting on Women and HIV	<b>Discussion:</b> Sexual and reproductive health: PLHIV on testing and prevention
<b>12.00</b>	Networking	Networking	Networking
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Meet and greet North America and Canada</b> ICW and GNP+ representatives from PLHIV networks from this region will facilitate information exchange on regional issues.	<b>Meet and greet Latin America and the Caribbean</b> ICW and GNP+ representatives from PLHIV networks from this region will facilitate information exchange on regional issues.	<b>Meet and greet Africa</b> ICW and GNP+ representatives from PLHIV networks from this region will facilitate information exchange on regional issues.
<b>16.00</b>	Global Village Opening	<b>first come – first served:</b> PLHIV organizations are invited to start discussion around the theme GIPA	<b>first come - first served:</b> PLHIV organizations are invited to start discussion around the theme Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>18.00 - 20.00</b>	Conference Opening	Informal networking Zone closes	Informal networking Zone closes

<b>Time</b>	<b>Wednesday August 16</b>	<b>Thursday August 17</b>	<b>Friday August 18</b>
<b>8.30</b>	Networking	Networking	Networking
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Discussion</b> Human rights and Criminalization	<b>Discussion:</b> Positive Professionals / HIV in the workplace: How to survive working in HIV when living with it.	Informal networking  Zone closes
<b>12.00</b>	Networking	Networking	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Meet and greet Asia Pacific</b> ICW and GNP+ representatives from PLHIV networks from this region will facilitate information exchange on regional issues.	<b>Meet and greet Europe</b> ICW and GNP+ representatives from PLHIV networks from this region will facilitate information exchange on regional issues.	
<b>16.00</b>	<b>first come - first served:</b> PLHIV organizations are invited to start discussion around the theme Human Rights, Inclusion and exclusion	<b>first come - first served:</b> PLHIV organizations are invited to start discussion around the theme Access to Care, Treatment and Prevention	
<b>18.00 - 20.00</b>	Informal networking Zone closes	Informal networking Zone closes	