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Knowledge Exchange and Health Promotion Forum

From Silos to Synergy: Connection and Integration

June 17th - 20th, 2015  
Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax NS

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# Scholarship Application

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# Knowledge Exchange and Health Promotion Forum

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## What is The Forum?

The Knowledge Exchange and Health Promotion Forum (The Forum) is an annual event hosted by the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS). The Forum provides an opportunity for learning and sharing around HIV and other STIs as well as emerging issues surrounding prevention, treatment and care. It is an excellent opportunity for those living with, community workers and other health professionals to network with others who are also involved in HIV-STBBI work across Nova Scotia and in some cases the Atlantic region.

The Forum also engages people living with HIV (PHAs), people living with HCV co-infection, representatives from community-based AIDS organizations, people in the field of health and those who have a stake in the future of HIV-STBBI work in Nova Scotia. This coming year, our theme will build upon some of the themes addressed last year in the areas of mental health, addictions and resiliency.

The Forum provides an opportunity for learning and sharing around HIV/STBBIs. It allows people to continue the important work that came out of previous conferences and to expand the focus of involvement to include all areas of the province. It is an excellent opportunity for people to network with others who are doing HIV-STBBI work in Nova Scotia. We welcome people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs), community-based AIDS organizations, people in the field of health and those who have a stake in the future of HIV-STBBI work in Nova Scotia.

This year, we are making connections with community a priority, and expanding some of the programming offered at our event. Along with several community-partners, we are aiming to bring you wider variety of programming that captures what's going on within the future of HIV-STBBI work, and other work that is happening within our local collective communities.

## Why Should You Attend?

The Forum provides an opportunity for sharing models of practice, skills building opportunities, information sharing and networking with the overarching goal of increasing the capacity of people living with and those working in related fields to respond to HIV-STBBIs and related issues in their respective communities.

This year the Forum will be held from **June 17-19th, 2015 at Mount Saint Vincent University** - just outside of the downtown core of the Halifax Regional Municipality. It provides an excellent location with many amenities. The Mount Saint Vincent University campus is a non-smoking environment.

*\*HIV-STBBI: Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Sexually transmissible and Blood-borne infections. This may include (but not exclusive) HIV, Hepatitis C, Syphilis, HPV, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.*

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Please complete and return the attached form to the Knowledge Exchange and Health Promotion Forum to:

## Knowledge Exchange and Health Promotion Forum

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**Attn: Michelle Johnson, Program Coordinator**

**Registrations must be received no later than noon on May 25, 2015.**

**Acceptance of forms received after that date cannot be guaranteed.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED...REGISTER EARLY!**

## Guest Speakers/Facilitators/Past Topics

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During the Forum, we have a wide variety of health professionals, researchers, community experts and people living with HIV facilitate workshops and presentations.

Last year, topics included a discussion on the criminalization of non-disclosure- supreme court ruling and what it means; resiliency and AIDS bereavement; reflecting on further prevention issues and health-promotion interventions for women. Others included further implementation of GIPA (Greater Involvement of People with HIV/AIDS) principles; assessing the myriad of health tracking and monitoring tools; discussions and strategies on HIV disclosure and the right to accommodation in the workplace; learning of new treatment options that are available that will make treatment of HIV simpler and more tolerable.

This year, we are pleased to be able to offer speakers and workshops led by Nova Scotia Sexual Health Association; Dr. Lisa Barrett, Senescence, Division of Infectious Diseases - Aging and Infection and Immunity Laboratory; Thomas Egendorf, CATIE; Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan, Dalhousie University, School of Health and Human Performance; Chris Aucoin, ACNS; The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network; Stepping Stone and the Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC).

Content will cover HIV/AIDS/HCV prevention, treatment information, HIV and ageing, sexual health information, Ass Class, HIV/HCV, sex work and human rights, etc.

## Scholarship Information

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We have outlined what each of the following scholarship areas include, who can apply and a priority list for awarding scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded based on the availability of resources and may vary from year to year. We have prioritized the availability to ensure fair access to the Forum for participants throughout Nova Scotia.

Priority is granted as follows:

- Persons living with HIV/AIDS, HCV or STBBIs
- Provincial ASO staff and volunteers
- Support/partnering organizations working with PHAs and ASOs
- Support persons/partners of PHAs
- Healthcare providers
- Other community participants

There are limited scholarships available for the Forum. Scholarships may be awarded in full or in part, depending on need. Scholarship information is subject to change. Applicants will be notified of any changes in advance. Applicants for scholarships will be notified beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Scholarships are available for the following expenses:

### Accommodations

For Participants based on need and identified priorities. Participants will have private accommodations inside a shared four (4) room apartment-style dorm. The award covers the nights of June 17th, 18th & 19th unless otherwise stated. Some participants living in the HRM area may be awarded accommodations for the duration of the conference. This type of award is dependent on the availability and amount of funding we receive.

### Transportation

To and from the Forum for persons residing outside of HRM. We are able to offer limited awards for transportation. Based on a \$ 0.20/km rate, those applying for scholarships in the area of transportation, maximum awards will be made at the following rates:

Amherst	414 km/return	\$82.80	Sydney	870 km/return	\$174.00
Antigonish	432 km/return	\$86.40	Truro	192 km/return	\$38.40
Bridgewater	194 km/return	\$38.80	Windsor	130 km/return	\$26.00
Middleton	308 km/return	\$61.60	Yarmouth	602 km/return	\$120.40
New Glasgow	324 km/return	\$64.80			

For those without cars, please contact ACNS and we will assist with other arrangements. Prior approval from ACNS for all transportation is required.

### Meals

Will be awarded based on Forum attendance; all participants with accommodations will receive scholarship for all meals, participants not staying on site will receive lunch, participants remaining for evening programming will receive dinner for that evening in most cases. Meals included in this award are dinner on June 17th; breakfast, lunch and dinner on June 18th & 19th and breakfast on June 20th.

### Registration

Will be awarded according to priority and availability . The registration fee of \$125.00 will be covered.

### Child Care

Will be awarded to PHAs only, based on need. Please note that receipts are required before you can be reimbursed. An award of \$35.<sup>00</sup>/day per child (for June 17th, 18th, 19th only) is available to offset the cost of childcare expenses.

# Scholarship Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you?

  

Email

Phone

  

Mail

Fax

Which of the following best describes you? *check ALL that apply*

  
  
  

Person Living with HIV/AIDS

Person Living with an STBBI

Student

ASO staff

  
  
  

Person affected by HIV/AIDS

Board Member

Community Worker

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend the Forum?

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What other experience do you have with these types of events?

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What will you do with the information gained at the Forum?

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**Please indicate which supports you would like to attend the Forum:**

Registration (all applicants should check this box)

Transportation I will be traveling by: Car  Bus   
 If travelling by car, will you be travelling with other conference participants? Yes  No   
 I will be travelling with: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation

Meals  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  
 June 17th  June 18th  June 19th \_\_\_\_\_

Child care \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35/day @ \_\_\_\_ days = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (# of children) (June 17th, 18th, 19th only) (total claim)

Are you currently employed? Yes  No

If so, how? Full Time   
 Part Time   
 Casual

Will you require a personal caregiver to help you manage personal activities of daily living and /or assist you in attending meetings or appointments throughout the weekend? Yes  No

*\* If you require a caregiver, you will be contacted for more information and to make arrangements.*

**Registration or applications for scholarships must be received no later than 12o'clock noon on May 25, 2015. Acceptance after that date cannot be guaranteed.**

**Thank you for interest in Forum!**