

AV INSIDER

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Vision Our Future

This August, AIDS Vancouver will be turning 40 years old! This birthday represents 40 years of work, care, and advocacy from individuals and community, including many who are no longer here. We honour the individuals, past and present, who have made AIDS Vancouver what it is today. This summer, AIDS Vancouver will be holding space for us to honour these 40 years as a community.

We are also looking forward, to the next 40 years, at this important time for our organization. At a Special General Meeting on February 6, 2023, the AIDS Vancouver membership endorsed the beginning steps to revise the mission, vision, values statement, and brand, including our name and logo. We firmly believe this will allow AIDS Vancouver to continue to support people living with HIV for years to come.

The work to revise our organization's mission, vision, values, and brand is embedded in the new AIDS Vancouver strategic plan. The Strategic Plan is an opportunity to ask ourselves: "How can we support people living with HIV in 2023 and beyond?"

We are pleased to be working with Elder Sandy Laframboise to steward this important process. We will be sharing more details about how you can share your ideas about AIDS Vancouver's future, and how we can continue to support people living with HIV, in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to these conversations and hearing your perspective.

Read the full Strategic Plan on page three of this newsletter or online at www.aidsvancouver.org/governance.



New Events

Cook a meal and receive a crockpot at Kitchen Collective.

Kitchen Collective is a social event that involves cooking and eating a crockpot meal. Join us for lunch on February 10 and 24. Preregistration with Wayne (wayne@aidsvancouver.org) or Reception is required.

Monthly Events

February 6: Two-Spirit Sharing circle for people living with HIV. All participants receive a \$10 gift card, sage, and snacks.

February 9: Women's Sharing Circle for Two-Spirit people, and cis and trans women, living with HIV. All participants receive a \$10 gift card, sage, and snacks.

Peer-led discussion group for people living with HIV, **Positive Talk**, takes place the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

Grupo Latino: twice per month, contact Otto (otto@aidsvancouver.org)

Come by the Resource Centre for **Coffee and Bannock and Arts & Crafts with Sabian** on February 8 and February 22.

Grocery Days - All AIDS Vancouver Clients:

February 7 & 8

February 28 & March 1

Grocery Days - Women, Femmes & Gender Diverse People

January 9, 10-12pm

March 2, 10-12pm



p.s.

We're hosting two Community Forums (with dinner) in March - one in Surrey with Afro-Canadian Positive Network, and one in Vancouver. Stay tuned for details.

Our new strategic plan

Over the course of this strategic plan, we will be asking each other, "How can we support people living with HIV in 2023 and beyond?"

1 ENGAGE *our* COMMUNITY

AIDS Vancouver will consistently engage and communicate with clients, members, community partners, volunteers, and staff around key events and developments within the organization.

People in our community will have more chances to tell us what you think, and you will hear from us more often.

2 VISION *our* FUTURE

AIDS Vancouver will secure the future of AIDS Vancouver's programs and services by revising the organization's vision, mission, values, and brand to better reflect GIPA/MIPA*, Indigenous leadership, and justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. This process will be complete by March 31, 2024.

*WHAT *is* GIPA/MIPA?

GIPA/MIPA stands for the Greater and Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS. In this principle, people living with HIV/AIDS have rights and responsibilities - including the right to be involved and actively participate in things that affect them.

You will get to share your ideas about AIDS Vancouver's future, and how we can continue to support people living with HIV/AIDS.

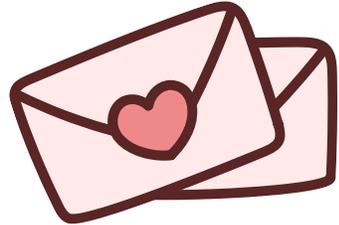
3 EMBED *our* PRINCIPLES

Embed GIPA/MIPA*, Indigenous leadership, and justice, equity, diversity and inclusion into agency programs, services, work culture, and governance with the goal of supporting communities most impacted by HIV.

You will see the concepts that matter to us show up more intentionally in our programs, services, work culture, and governance.

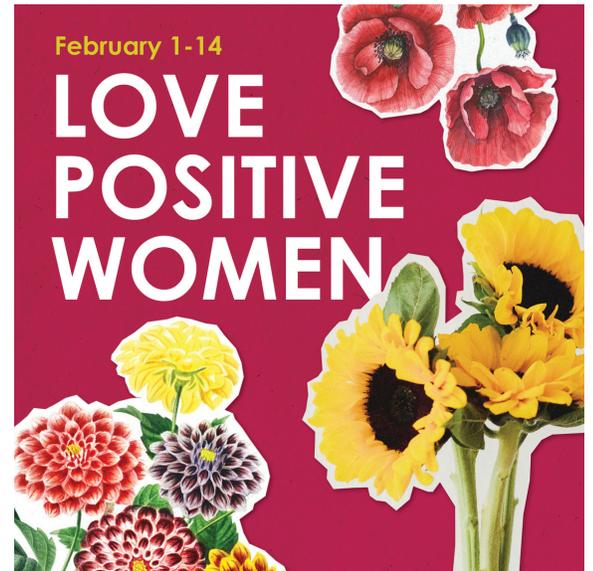
HONOURING WOMEN

LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN



The first two weeks of February is **Love Positive Women** season! This annual event is part of a global movement led by the International Community of Women Living with

with HIV to "engage in public and private acts of love and caring for women living with HIV" (Visual AIDS). We encourage our whole community to participate in loving and caring acts for women living with HIV, whether in public or in private. To kick things off, we decorated the Resource Centre, and a hosted a lunch and jewelry making event with YouthCO. We hope the festive atmosphere inspires more acts of love and caring.



WOMEN'S MEMORIAL MARCH

February 14 (Valentine's Day) is also the annual Women's Memorial March to express compassion, community, and caring for all women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Since 1992, the memorial march is to honour the lives of our beloved sisters in the Downtown Eastside, and all women's and gender-diverse peoples' lives lost.

Family & community gather at 10 am at Main & Hastings. The march for public starts at 12pm from Carnegie (Main and Hastings) until 4 pm. Speeches by community members are made at around 2pm, followed by a healing circle at Oppenheimer Park around 3:30pm. Community feast for all at Japanese Language Hall (487 Alexander Street) from 4-5 pm. More details available at <https://womensmemorialmarch.wordpress.com/>.

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