

What's New?

SILVER ZONE AT AIDS 2024 CONFERENCE

EATG and **Realize** are planning “**The Silver Zone: A Networking Zone for Older People Living with HIV**” in the Global Village at AIDS 2024. The Silver Zone is a place for older people living with HIV to re-engage with the HIV community and follow the science on HIV and ageing; to feel included and celebrated and increase awareness of the strengths, support needs and experiences of diverse older adults living with HIV and building capacity among stakeholders who can support ageing well.

AGEING WITH HIV - THE GLASGOW MANIFESTO: A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE

Building on the **Glasgow Manifesto**, this project aims to enhance the unmet needs of people ageing with HIV and ways to address them. It will **review the implementation of policies and programmes compared to the recommendations contained in the Glasgow Manifesto in 5 WHO European countries**. It will collect good practices and innovative interventions. It will identify knowledge gaps requiring further research. The project will produce a report highlighting recommendations and national action plans to inform a reform process to improve health related quality of life of people living with HIV. The findings of the research will be presented at scientific and policy events in 2024 and 2025. The project will support three local stakeholders meeting to discuss recommendations at the national level.

LIVING 2024: THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV PRE-CONFERENCE AT AIDS2024!

The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), together with the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global), the HIV Justice Network (HJN), AIDS Action Europe (AAE), and the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), are organising the **Living Conference on is 20-21 July 2024** ahead of the AIDS2024 conference in Munich. Living 2024 will be organised under the theme, “**Communities leading: advancing health, dignity, equity**”. Memory Sachikonye and Peter Wiessner are representing EATG on the organising committee and currently planning EATG session.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- **IGLYO - EATG webinar on HIV and Queer Youth:** 13 June 2024. More information soon.
- **25th IAS Conference:** 21-26 July 2024, Munich (Germany).
- **Living 2024:** 20-21 July 2024, Munich (Germany).
- **Silver Zone at Global Village:** 21-25 July 2024, Munich (Germany).
- **International Workshop on HIV & Ageing 2024:** 24-25 October 2024, online and Washington DC, US. More information [here](#)



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European Mental Health Week | Stigma-Free: We call for stigma-free integrated services

During this year's European Mental Health Week, EATG joined Mental Health Europe in highlighting why co-creation is crucial for building a better future for mental health together. Nicoletta Policek, EATG's Executive Director, joined a policy roundtable on “Co-creating Europe's Mental Health” organised by Mental Health Europe. As part of EATG's ongoing campaign “Stigma Free”, we have called for collaboration from workers across the continuum of HIV and mental healthcare services around intersectional stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV and affected communities.

Meet the QoL Member: Julian Hows

Who is Julian Hows in a nutshell?

My pronouns are they/them/DIVA. I have been involved in HIV activism since the start of the epidemic in the UK and started working in HIV (rather than just volunteering) in the 1990s - a few years after my HIV diagnosis - realising that I was not going to die, unlike so many of my friends and lovers. I have made my living as an actor, train driver, running telephone exchanges, as a restaurant and nightclub manager, antiques dealer, sex worker, social worker, trainer, and human rights activist. Before being involved in the HIV sector I have been a volunteer, activist, and have worked in the UK and internationally since the early 70's in the LGBT and HIV sectors.

What is it that you like most about QoL and what makes the programme special?

The QoL programme is about more than the pills and 'disease' - it is about looking at the discrimination and stigma experienced by those living with and most at risk of HIV, and that is what makes it exciting for me.



Julian is currently a member of the **Quality of Life Programme Committee**.