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TRACK : Our Voices

TITLE: You Are Here: a multi-media presentation of women's ongoing contribution to the HIV/AIDS movement.

OBJECTIVE: The goal of the presentation is to use art to showcase often under represented stories and histories of women within the HIV/AIDS movement, to help participants see their own lives as history making, and to honor and celebrate women living with HIV , and those deeply impacted.

METHODS: This flexible presentation will use images, video, and printed material to showcase the ongoing contribution of women to and within the ongoing HIV movement. Attention will be paid to women of diverse backgrounds including but not limited Black, Latina, Trans, over 40, etc. Women featured include: Iris De La Cruz, The Women of WAVE (Women's AIDS Video Enterprise), Nancer LeMoins, Chloe Dzubillo, Kia Labeija, and Jessica Whitbread. After the presentation those in the room will be invited to talk about their own experience within the aids movement seeing their own lives as part of the important and ongoing contribution to reducing the harm of HIV in their own lives and others.

RESULTS: Participants will have a broader sense of history that includes them and their friends. Being reminded of your history and getting a chance to share your memories, and your work - while seeing it within a larger movement - improves self esteem, re-energies advocates and activists, and counteracts the erasure within the media of women within the HIV/AIDS movement.

CONCLUSIONS: Women have been doing life saving and inspiring work within the HIV/AIDS movement from the beginning. By sharing this history, creating a space for people to share their history and current work, participants will be further inspired to continue being the amazing agents of change that they already are.

NEEDS: projector, screen.

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