

WE CARE ABOUT OURSELVES.
WE INSIST ON SAFER NEEDLE USE.



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WOMEN GET A.I.D.S.

In the popular imagination, AIDS attacks only white, gay men. Yet in Canada, as in the rest of the world, QQ are the fastest growing group of HIV/ARC/AIDS sufferers. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has kept itself misinformed to excuse its criminal neglect and murderous procrastination once again, and this time it affects every Q's life.

\*\*\*A large majority of HIV positive <u>QQ</u> were infected through unsafe sex with their male partners, often in long term relationships. The pristine monogamy that public health departments and THE FEDERAL CENTRE FOR AIDS promotes as safe sex for <u>QQ</u> is

a lethal lie.

\*\*\*Sharing needles to inject drugs and piercing ears is another way 00 are being infected. Unless 00 act now to TEACH EACH OTHER SAFER NEEDLE USE and to DEMAND PUBLIC EDUCATION WHICH INCLUDES US, we will see an explosion of younger 00 infected with HIV!

\*\*\*Those of us who work as prostitutes are blamed for "spreading AIDS" despite studies which show that we are infected in the same proportion as other <u>00</u>. Jails and harassment are not the way to pay respect to prostitutes for always being at the forefront of safer sex education.

!!!WE DEMAND research into THE IMPACT OF HIV/ARC/AIDS on QQ's pregnancies, child-births, hormonal and reproductive systems. WE DEMAND guaranteed CHOICES for both

abortion and positive deliveries.

!!!WE DEMAND immediate research to clarify the potential risks of sexual transmission between 00 and from 0 to man, and on the effects of HIV/ARC/AIDS on vaginal juices and tissues.

!!!WE DEMAND ANTIBODY TESTS AND PROCEDURES that give QQ RELIABLE RESULTS, not the torturously frequent "indeterminate" ones. WE DEMAND ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING. !!!WE DEMAND an end to the WHITE MALE MEDICAL MODEL of ARC/AIDS and responsible, sensitive research into QQ'S SYMPTOMS, which appear to differ from men's. !!!WE DEMAND an end to medical neglect and MISDIAGNOSIS OF ARC/AIDS in QQ. PRESENTLY QQ TEND NOT TO BE DIAGNOSED until they have pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) or other LIFE THREATENING opportunistic infections.

!!!WE DEMAND life saving attentiveness and outreach to QQ from health care providers, particularly for those of us with limited ACCESS TO SYMPATHETIC HEALTH CARE as in the

case of mothers, homeless 00 and isolated 00.

## WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER

We are QQ associated with Aids Action Now!. We want to HEAR FROM YOU because we believe that HIV/ARC/AIDS IS A FEMINIST ISSUE and every Q's business. WE WILL ORGANIZE! WE WILL TEACH EACH OTHER! WE WILL SUPPORT EACH OTHER! WE WILL FIGHT BACK!

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## AIDS ACTION NOW!

WE CARE ABOUT OURSELVES. WE INSIST ON SAFER SEX.



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