

AIDS ACTION NOW!

AIDS ACTION NOW! is an activist organization formed in early 1988. Created by PLWAs and their supporters as a response to the murderous treatment of PLWAs by every level of government, AANI has pressured the government through lobbying and frequent, boisterous public demonstrations. AANI was instrumental in gaining the release of promising AIDS treatments to PLWAs in Canada, after years of government delays and fatally unethical placebo drug trials.

AANI publishes a quarterly newsletter that reports on items of interest to people fighting against AIDS. We have also published the informational broadsheets **Treatment AIDS** and **Testing AIDS**.

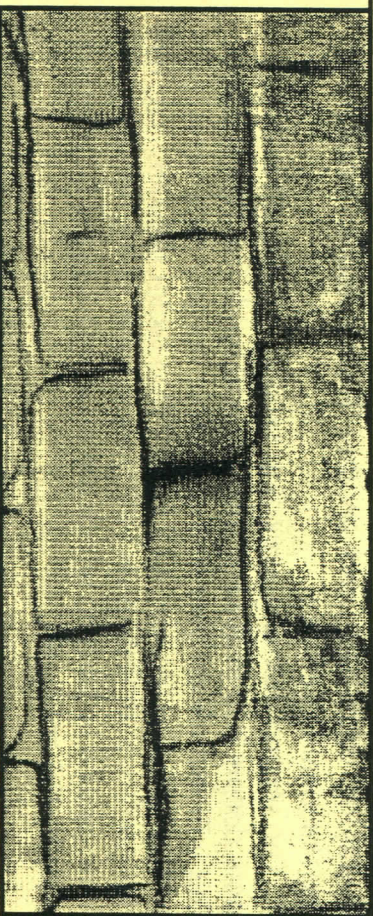
AANI presents bimonthly "Town Hall" meetings where members of the organization evaluate strategies and formulate goals.

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AIDS Action Now! Presents an **AIDS Activism Teach-In** **Sunday, May 7**

Toronto City Hall
Queen & Bay Streets, Toronto
Welcome & Coffee at 9:30 AM • Workshops Start at 10 AM Sharp
Refreshments Provided



TAKE CONTROL!! SHARE INFORMATION!!

AIDS ACTION NOW! has organized this Teach-In to provide an opportunity for People Living With AIDS (PLWAs) and other activists to share information and ideas. Our goal is to empower PLWAs and their supporters and to mobilize more activists to fight the criminal negligence of the government and the AIDS bureaucracy.

In spreading the message of AIDS activism, we must expose the ways in which the official response to AIDS has been characterized by homophobia, sexism and racism. As the epidemiology of AIDS changes, it is vitally important that a coalition of all communities directly affected by AIDS be forged to deal with both the social and the medical issues concerning AIDS. This Teach-In is an attempt to contribute to that process.

TAKING CONTROL OF OUR HEALTH!

There will be two morning workshop sessions. The first will focus on individuals taking control of their own health, including a woman-only workshop, which was developed in response to a growing body of evidence indicating that AIDS presents itself differently in women. We will also present a workshop on "de-mystifying" AIDS/ARC, and another, Testing Issues: Anonymity and Personal Experience.

The second morning workshop session is designed to delve more deeply into treatment, medical and epidemiological issues. This will include an overview of complementary treatments, as well as specifics (eg. the AZT and HIV/co-factor debate). We will also present a workshop on HIV transmission issues, focusing on communities in Toronto which are now beginning to be affected more by the epidemic.

TAKING ACTION TOGETHER!

The afternoon workshop session will look at different ways in which we can fight against AIDS. There will be a forum on activism in diverse communities, during which immigrant and visible minority, francophone and deaf activists will have the opportunity to share experiences and ideas and explore common approaches to AIDS issues of concern to their communities. We will also present a workshop on AIDS activism to change institutions which affect the lives and health of PLWAs, and a workshop on building alternatives to explore how PLWAs and their supporters can find ways to supercede institutions and provide services to ourselves.

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER!

To conclude the day's events, we will get together to share the information and ideas developed in the preceding workshops and to strategize for upcoming events, especially for the 5th International Conference on AIDS, which is taking place in Montreal, June 4 - 9, 1989.

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