

Canada Pavilion at International AIDS Conference 2018: Call for Stories

CSIH wants to showcase Canadian HIV/AIDS stories.

This year the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), hosted in Amsterdam, Netherlands from July 23 to 27, will highlight the theme “**Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges.**”

The Canadian Society for International Health is pleased to be developing and coordinating activities for the Canada Pavilion at AIDS 2018. The Canada Pavilion will showcase research, best practices, achievements, and challenges met and overcome in the Canadian response to HIV/AIDS. People living with HIV are experts in their own lives; their stories and experiences are pivotal in making a positive impact on Canada's ongoing response to HIV. As part of our efforts to highlight the reality of people with lived experience of HIV/AIDS, and people who work in the field, CSIH is looking for story submissions, in the form of **text, photos and/or video**.

Stories may be used in any of the following, or similar, ways: blogs, news articles, social media posts, slideshow, still photo and caption, video, etc.

Consider the following prompts for telling your story:

If you are a person living with HIV/AIDS:

If you work in the field of HIV / AIDS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been your greatest challenge in living with HIV/AIDS? 2. How has your status shaped your outlook for the future? 3. How has your community supported you? 4. How would you describe Canada's progress in services, health care, social attitudes, etc.? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long have you been working in the field of HIV/AIDS? 2. What are some common misconceptions about HIV/AIDS that you encounter? 3. What are some stories that inspire you? 4. How would you describe Canada's progress in services, health care, social attitudes, etc.?
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We ask that you include the following in your submission:

- Name, age and province/territory of residence
- Any organizational affiliations (if applicable)
- A completed Consent Form (attached)
- High-resolution JPEG photo(s) to illustrate text submission, if applicable

CSIH will be accepting submissions in **English and French**.

We encourage submissions from individuals with lived experience of HIV/AIDS, including long-term survivors, youth, Indigenous Peoples, immigrants and refugees, members of the LGBTQ2S community, people living in or recently released from correctional facilities, sex workers, people who have used or use drugs and people infected through mother-to-child transmission.

Please send your story (text, photos and/or video) to Ecaterina Damian at edamian@csih.org or through [this online form](#) by April 27, 2018.

(NB. CSIH cannot guarantee that it will use all or any part of material submitted)