



Speakers' Bureau Talking about HIV and AIDS

Educating the public on HIV and AIDS is a part of what we do at the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation.

Speakers' Bureau volunteers and staff educate the public on the realities of living with HIV and AIDS in an effort to correct stigmas associated with the disease. Our hope is that by putting a human face to HIV/AIDS, we can break down the misconceptions that lead to the discrimination and alienation of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Our trained speakers are people living with HIV/AIDS from all backgrounds. Gay and straight, young and old, men and women of different ethnicities talk to public schools, colleges, universities, businesses, correctional facilities and more about their own personal experiences, and how HIV/AIDS has affected their lives.

Schools

Most young people are informed on HIV prevention through teachers and literature. However, we believe that hearing about the realities of living with HIV/AIDS from someone who is experiencing it can send a much more powerful message.

Students can dialogue with the speakers, and ideally will be influenced to make the right choices when it comes to sexual health as well as drug and alcohol use.

Workplace

With new developments in HIV treatments, people living with HIV/AIDS can continue to work for many years. The Speakers' Bureau sends HIV-positive speakers into the workplace to help create a more appropriate and responsive work environment.

Workers living with HIV/AIDS may have special needs. Many businesses have implemented office policies to effectively cater to these needs. Our speakers will educate workers on why these policies are necessary and the realities of living with HIV/AIDS.

For more information:

To book a speaker, or to find out about becoming a speaker, please call 416-506-1400.