

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Submit by Friday 23 February 2024 (23:59 hrs)

You must submit your presentation proposal to hpe@tht.org.uk in Word format by 23:59 on Friday 23 February 2024 using the proposal template.

Presenting at the HIV Stigma Symposium

The HIV Stigma Symposium will be held on **Friday 15 March 2024** at the ICC in Birmingham. All presenters must be available to attend in person on this date.

At the HIV Stigma Symposium, we aim to foster open and solution focused conversations. This event brings together community experts, activists, healthcare professionals, and people with lived experience to discuss the impact of HIV stigma and explore effective stigma reduction strategies, providing a platform to share ideas, best practice, and connect with others.

The event has the following aims:

- Increase understanding of HIV stigma and its impact on the lives of people living with HIV.
- Increase awareness that HIV stigma affects people in different ways.
- Increase understanding of how HIV stigma can create barriers to HIV testing and prevention.
- Explore how stigma reduction strategies can continue to build upon and go beyond U=U.
- Share learning about what went well and what could be improved in stigma reduction projects and research.
- For attendees to take away new and practical ideas for local implementation.
- To provide an opportunity for connecting with others.

We welcome presentation proposals that make relevant contributions to the following areas:

- **Stigma and stigma reduction in different communities**
 - Intersectionality and stigma reduction
 - Stigma reduction to improve uptake of HIV prevention and testing
 - Peer support and local initiatives
 - Impact of National stigma reduction campaigns (From across the UK)
- **Stigma in health and social care, employment, and statutory services**
 - Workplace rights and employer best practice
 - Training and capacity building within health and social care services
 - Guidance and support for people experiencing stigma in services
 - Partnership working on stigma reduction in health, social, education, and employment services

- **Policy and practice**

- Ensuring policy is consistently put into practice
- Improving the effectiveness of the Equality Act
- Identifying and challenging discriminatory policies in services, e.g. cosmetic, beauty, tattoo, dentistry

We encourage presentation proposals from people who rarely or have never presented at a conference / event.

We also encourage presentation proposals from geographically underserved areas or low prevalence areas.

General Guidelines

We will assess presentation proposals based on their relevance, originality, quality of content, clarity and inclusion of lessons learned and / or practical guidance.

This event will be interactive and the presentations should aim to facilitate a solution focused discussion about stigma.

Presentation proposals **MUST** be submitted using the template provided.

Contact

We will contact everyone who submits a presentation proposal the week beginning Monday 4 March 2024.

If you have any further questions about the presentation proposal, please contact us: hpe@tht.org.uk