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Hours of Operation

Monday:	9.30 am—5.00 pm
Tuesday:	9:30 am—5.00 pm
Wednesday:	9:30 am—1.00 pm
	3.00 pm—5.00pm
Thursday:	9:30 am—6:00 pm
Friday:	9:30—5.00 pm

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Central East Opening Doors



Connecting the Dots in HIV Care

October 12^{th} , 13^{th} and 14^{th} , 2016

Fern Resort—Lake Couchiching

The Central East Opening Doors Committee looks forward to offering a supportive and creative learning opportunity that fosters an open dialogue and a fresh outlook on HIV.

You can find all of the registration and programming information on Pages 5-6.

What's Going On? August 2016

PARN Offices will be closed—Monday, August 1 to Friday, August 5

The PARN office is closed from Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5, 2016. We will re-open at 9:30 am on Monday, August 8. You can get Harm Reduction Supplies during the closure at Fourcast (130 Hunter St. W, Unit 200).

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Rainbow Youth Program

Every Thursday* 3:30 - 5:30 pm Suite 302-2, 159 King Street

*Drop-In will not take place on Thursday, August 4 due to PARN office closure. The program will resume on August 11.

HEP-C Community Programs August 2016

Peterborough Hep C Testing & Treatment

Every Tuesday & Thursday, 9am - 4pm @ Positive Care Clinic, 159 King Street

Peterborough Hep C Drop In

Tuesday, August 2—9.30am - 12.30pm @ PARN, Suite 302-2—159 King Street

Port Hope Hep C Support Group

Wednesday, August 24—10am - Noon @ PHCHC, 99 Toronto Street

Lindsay Hep C Support Group

Friday, August 12—10am - 1pm @ KLCHC, 108 Angeline Street

Haliburton Hep C Support Group

Friday, August 19—10am - 1pm @ HFHT, 7217 Gelert Street

Office Hours at PARN

Monday: 9:30 am—5 pm Tuesday: 9:30 am—5 pm Wednesday: 9:30 am—1 pm; 3 pm—5 pm Thursday: 9:30 am—6 pm Friday: 9:30 am—5 pm

The Positive Living Room

This program is open to anyone attending The Positive Care Clinic on Thursday mornings. We open at 10 and run until 11:30am. Join us Thursdays for a light breakfast, coffee and conversation while you wait!

M4M: Movies 4 Men—A Gay, Bi ,Trans, MSM Movie Club Presents:

To Be Announced

Check PARN's Facebook page for details.



Join Peterborough Pride at Behind Closed Doors September 10, 2016—7:30-10:30 pm Get your tickets at PARN or Lansdowne Place

On September 10th from 7:30 to 10:30pm join Pride for Lansdowne Place's annual fun private shopping event.

For Pride this is a great opportunity to do outreach to more of the community and we share the ticket proceeds with nine other community organizations.

Tickets are only \$5 and are on sale now at the PARN Office (159 King Street, Suite 302), Customer Service at Lansdowne Place (tell them you want Pride to get the money), and by emailing us at participate@peterboroughpride.ca





1st Annual Peterborough Pride 3-Pitch Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 13, 2016—Bowers Park Field (765 Brealey Drive) \$25 or PWYC

Sign up as a team or individually—Fun Day—All skills welcome

Contact Kim Kennelly (kennellykimberly@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

You can get your Harm Reduction Supplies at FOURCAST (130 Hunter St. W, Unit 200) while PARN is closed from August 1-August 5 Harm Reduction Works @ PARN





HIV Support Services @ PARN

Introducing Adam Kelly—New HIV Support Services Program Coordinator

I am excited to be joining the staff, clients and partners of PARN as the Support Services Program Coordinator. Although this is a new role for me, I am not a stranger to PARN and the great programs and

services they provide. In 2011, I became acquainted with PARN through a student placement and continued to volunteer while I continued my education in psychology. Since then I had the opportunity to work with PARN through the Community Health Centre in Oshawa providing hepatitis C outreach and support over the last year and now have joined the team at PARN fulltime to provide HIV support to those living in the four counties.

I'm looking forward to actively assisting with putting the principles of GIPA/MEPA into practice and connecting with the people living with and affected by HIV and/or



AIDS in new and meaningful ways. The most exciting part of filling this role will be hearing from existing PARN members and connecting with new members to share ideas and topics that will make us a stronger community. I also would like to extend a standing invitation to stop in and see me, give me a call at 705-749-9110 ext. 205 or send an email adam@parn.ca to connect and get to know me as well as share your thoughts, ideas and direction for your support programs at PARN.

Committee Members Needed

Project Inform—This group works to amplify the voice, increase levels of involvement, empower individuals, and improve support services for people living with HIV in Peterborough and the Four Counties by: encouraging diversity of voices and participation, creating meaningful programs, and influencing decision making at all levels of PARN

activities. Members can participate by Skype, and/or phone. Please contact Brittany at 705-749-9110 or brittany@parn.ca for the application and/or more information.



HIV Survivors Group

Are you HIV positive? Why not come and join us for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of every month? We meet at the PARN office from noon until 2pm. A truly positive space run by positive peers. To find out more please contact Mark Phillips at markyfund@aol.com

Office Hours in August

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HIV Support Services @ PARN

Register for Central East Opening Doors—October 12-14, 2016

Goals of the Central East Opening Doors Conference

To enhance the local community capacity to provide effective counselling and support to people living with and/or affected by HIV and/or AIDS.

To promote meaningful partnerships between service providers, people living with HIV and/or AIDS, and other community members to identify and meet the needs of local community.

To promote anti-oppression and social determinants of health approaches to HIV and/or AIDS related support and counselling.

Registration Information (see Program and Schedule on Page 6)

The first day of the conference is reserved for people who are living with HIV and/or AIDS.

Double-occupancy accommodations for people living with HIV over Wednesday and Thursday nights, including all meals and snacks, are free of charge.

Double-occupancy shared room (2 beds) is \$75.00 per night. Single occupancy is available at an additional charge. Day only registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch and snacks. The registration deadline is Friday September 15th at 5pm. You will be notified of the status of your registration application after that date. The cancellation deadline is Friday September 23rd, 2016.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast	N/A	8:00 - 9:00	8:00 - 9:00
Break	N/A	10:45 - 11:00	10:45 - 11:00
Lunch	12:30 - 2:00	12:30 - 2:00	12:30 - 2:00
Break	3:30 - 3:45	3:30 - 3:45	N/A
Dinner	6:00 - 7:30	6:00 - 7:30	N/A

To register online for Central East Opening Doors 2016, please visit:

www.ceodconference.com

** If you are feeling sick¹ at the time of Opening Doors, please stay home to minimize contact with others. ¹sick includes fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea

For more information please contact the conference registrar Marie Marin at marie@yesweplan.ca

Funded by: AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and grants from the pharmaceutical industry.



Central East Opening Doors

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday October 12th

Day 1 is reserved for people living with HIV only

10:30am ~ 10:45am Registration and Welcome

10:45am ~ 12:30pm

Community Check In Sharing Circle, presented by Yvette Perreault

2:00pm ~ 3:30pm

Positive Leadership Peer Engagement Programming Hosted by Tara Jewal

3:45pm ~ 5:00pm

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7:30pm ~ 9:00pm

Social Activities 1. Aqua Fit, hosted by Pauline Barratt 2. Pool Tournament, hosted by Beth Whalen and Nick Sont

Thursday October 13th

9:00am ~ 12:30pm Keynote Presentation: Trauma Competent Care Workshop presented by Dr.Anne Wagner

Concurrent Sessions 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm

 HIV Negative Partners & Caregivers, presented by Tobin Brown
HIV & Aging, presented by Doug Willoughby
Women & HIV, presented by Eno Akan-Essien
ODSP & HIV, presented by Jill McNall

3:45pm ~ 5:00pm

 Knit & Crochet, hosted by Jess Grover and Celia Triemstra
Yoga, hosted by Kim Dolan
Spirituality, hosted by Doug Willoughby
ODSP & HIV (cont.) presented by Jill McNabb

7:30pm ~ 9:00pm

Social Activities 1. Campfire hosted By Adrian Betts 2 . Drag Bingo & Karaoke, hosted by Madge, Diva and Beth Whalen

Friday October 14th

Concurrent Sessions 9:00am ~ 10:30am

1. Medication Review, Treatment Update and Side Effects for people living with HIV/HCV/Co-Infection, presented by Dr.Jeffery Craig

2. Food and Nutrition for people living with HIV/HCV/Co-Infection, hosted by Dr.Lydia Thurton

10:45am ~ 12:15pm Speakers Panel: Life with HIV/HCV and Co-Infection

Save the Date: September 14th, 2016

Join us for PARN's 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Showplace

On the evening of Wednesday, September 14th, PARN's Staff and Board members will host the AGM in the Nexicom Lounge of Showplace at 290 George Street North, Peterborough. The evening will feature the members' meeting and election of a new board of directors, followed by a reception with a special guest. Details will be published in PARN's September e-newsletter.



Everyone is welcome to this event! However, if your name is on PARN's official membership list before 5:00 pm on Monday, August 15th (30 days prior to the AGM), only then you will be able to vote at the meeting, and nominate or be nominated for the new board of directors (see below).

PARN welcomes new members at any time of the year. Apply online at <u>parn.ca/get-involved/</u> <u>membership/</u>, or contact Peg Town, Office Administrator by emailing peg@parn.ca, or phoning 705-749 -9110, extension 202, or stopping by the office at PARN, 159 King St., Peterborough.

Do you know someone who would make an ideal member of PARN's Board?

Would you like to become a member of PARN's Board of Directors?

Are you interested in hearing more?

To qualify for a nomination you must be an Enduring Member of PARN. If you aren't a member yet the deadline is before 5 p.m. Monday, August 15, 2016. No fee, no stale date.

Nominations will be accepted by the Board Development Committee until 12 noon August 31, 2016.

Nomination forms are available by emailing recruitment@parn.ca or dropping by the office at 159 King Street, Suite 302, in downtown Peterborough.





Join PARN at the 4th Line Theatre for the Bad Luck Bank Robbers—August 20

PARN will be setting up at the 4th Line Theatre on Thursday, August 20 for a performance of the Bad Luck Bank Robbers. The 4th Line Theatre will be donating a portion of proceeds from the night to PARN. Back by popular demand, the 2015 sell-out hit, *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* tells the story of the August 31, 1961, brazen, daylight robbery of the Toronto Dominion bank in Havelock, Ontario. Directed by Kim Blackwell, the play runs from August 2-27.

To purchase tickets for August 20, or any of the August performances of The Bad Luck Bank Robbers, please visit: https://tickets.4thlinetheatre.on.ca/eventperformances.asp?evt=24.

PARN Needs Your Support for Our First Ever Red Scarf Project

The Red Scarf Campaign raises awareness and funds for HIV while also serving communities needs in the winter months.

It began in 2012 with staff and volunteers of the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection putting hundreds of red scarves in downtown London and Stratford on December 1st, World AIDS Day. The red scarf was meant as a larger scale version of the Red Ribbon, the international symbol of support for people living with HIV and/or AIDS. Cards were attached to the scarves to explain the meaning behind them and encourage individuals to wear them and spread the information.

Brittany Cameron, the HIV Engagement Worker at PARN, says, "I think the Red Scarf Campaign is important because bringing awareness brings visibility and through visibility we can have some of those uncomfortable conversations and break down some of the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS."

PARN is organizing the first Red Scarf Campaign in Peterborough and the four counties this year. Donations of scarves will be accepted until November 28th and will be placed in locations throughout the four counties on Thursday December 1st, World AIDS Day.



How to Get Involved

We are looking for individuals to knit and crochet scarves, volunteers to facilitate workshops, and/or local groups to knit and crochet scarves for the campaign. We ask for scarves that are red and approximately 6" by 60" in size, but the pattern is completely your choice! We are also looking for donations of red yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and other supplies.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact Brittany at <u>brittany@parn.ca</u> or call 705-749-9110 x204.

From Aug. 1st—Aug. 31st who ever returns the highest percent of their used sharps will win

\$25 CASH!

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Works @ PARN

Harm

Reduction

Where to go and what you need to know to get tested for HIV.



Questions?

Call us or stop by:

PARN - Your Community AIDS Resource Network 159 King Street Peterborough ON Phone: 705-749-9110 OR 1-800-361-2895

For a testing site near you call the AIDS and Sexual Health Info Line: 1-800-668-2437



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