

Dear all,

**Invitation to join the
Interactive Workshop on HIV prevention among drug abusers
- a harm reduction approach (Time re-scheduled)**

Social workers on drugs and HIV/AIDS are cordially invited to attend the above Workshop to be held on **30th May 2000 (Tuesday) between 9:00a.m. – 5:15p.m. at the auditorium, 1/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong**. Admissions are free on a first-come-first serve basis upon receiving your application on the attached form. A tentative programme is also attached for your information.

As part of the capacity building programmes recommended by the External Consultancy Report, the one-day interactive workshop on “HIV prevention among drug users” will be conducted by Mr Palani Narayanan, former Chairman of the Asian Harm Reduction Network, now an independent consultant on drug use and AIDS.

HIV has been spreading fiercely in many parts of the World. In many countries of Asia, e.g. Mainland China, Thailand, due to the vulnerability of the drug users, a great proportion of them were infected with HIV. Hong Kong has been fortunate enough to have a relatively low HIV prevalence among drug users all along.

Reasons postulated for the phenomenon were early HIV education, availability of needles, methadone treatment programme and other treatment and rehabilitation services. To maintain such a favourable scene will require the concerted efforts of all stakeholders. This training workshop will focus on harm reduction approach, which targets the important factor of vulnerability for drug users in contracting HIV infection.

If you are interested in joining the workshop, please complete the attached reply slip and send it back to the Advisory Council on AIDS by email aca@health.gcn.gov.hk or by fax 2337 0897. Please make your application before 20th May, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

(John Yip)
for Secretary,
Advisory Council on AIDS

[Attachment of reply slip and programme.](#)

Reply Slip

To : Mr John Yip
Secretariat
Advisory Council on AIDS

Fax : 2337 0897
Email: aca@health.gcn.gov.hk

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I/We* will be able to attend the Interactive Workshop on "HIV prevention among drug users" to be held on 30 May 2000 (Tuesday) between 9:00a.m. – 5:15p.m. Please reserve a seat for me.

Name of participants (In BLOCK letters):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Name : _____
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Telephone/Fax/email No.: _____
(please specify)

Organisation : _____

Date : _____

* Delete as appropriate

An interactive workshop on HIV prevention among drug abusers – a harm reduction approach

Organized by Advisory Council on AIDS,
Hong Kong Council of Social Service and
Red Ribbon Centre – UNAIDS Collaborating Centre

DATE : May 30, 2000 (Tuesday)

TIME : 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

VENUE : Auditorium, 1/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building,
15, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Programme

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Speaker: Mr. Palani Narayanan
Introduction to HIV prevention among Drug Users (Pt. 1)
- Understanding drug users
 - Understanding HIV among us
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tea Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Introduction to HIV prevention among Drug Users (Pt. 2)
- Why prevent HIV among drug users?
 - How can we prevent HIV among drug users using the harm reduction approach
- 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Clive CHAN
HIV Situation among drug users in Hong Kong
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Palani Narayanan
- Successful Interventions
- Setting up a project
 - Expanding a project based on client needs
 - Issues and challenges in implementing harm reduction activities such as outreach, bleach programs, methadone and needle exchange
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Tea break
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 1. Experience sharing of harm reduction programme in social welfare NGOs involving in drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation work
2. A strategic planning approach to preventing HIV among drug users
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Wrap-up

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Palani Narayanan is the former Chairman of the Asian Harm Reduction Network and is currently an independent consultant on drug use and AIDS; he will be the trainer and facilitator of the workshop. Dr. C. N. CHAN is the Senior Medical Officer of the Special Preventive Programme of the Department of Health.
- (2) For registration and/or inquiries, please contact Mr Tony Pang of HKCSS at 28642961, or Mr John Yip of ACA Secretariat at 2304 6100.
- (3) In addition to the interactive workshop, there will be display and sharing of resource materials on "HIV prevention and drug uses " at the venue.