



1ST All-Ireland Conference For People Living With HIV

27TH February, 2016 9.30am – 3.00pm

Academy Hotel, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin 1

Registration 9:00pm

Eoin Mac Réamoinn - Postgraduate Researcher, Trinity College Dublin

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV): Host Pathogen Interactions

This presentation will focus on the immune response to HIV and the science behind the diagnostic test and anti-retroviral therapies that are currently unavailable.

Eddie Matthews – BL, LLB, LLM, RNID, PhD Candidate Trinity College

HIV Transmission and the Law

Eddie's research focuses on whether or not it should be a criminal offence to transmit disease through sexual intercourse and, if so, in what circumstances.

Dr. Aislinn O'Donnell - Philosophy of Education Lecturer, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick *Whose Voice? Whose Ideas?: Reflections on the Potentials of Collaborative Research*

Whilst researchers often talk about 'my findings', the word 'findings' can make us forget that sometimes talk about 'findings' just means the knowledge that the research participants already had, but the researcher has only just 'discovered'. This talk aims to acknowledge that we all have knowledge and it will reflect on and discuss what it might mean to develop genuinely collaborative approaches to doing research, in particular with the diverse community of people who live with HIV.

Dr Say Pheng Quah - Consultant in Genito-Urinary Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast

Sharing information between Health Professionals – Changing the Culture.

Have we reached the point where normalisation / stigma reduction of HIV should include good sharing of clinical information between specialists and the community?

Following lunch there will be an open workshop for those interested in getting involved in advocacy for people living with HIV.

This conference is open to anyone living with HIV. If you are interested in attending, please register your interest at conference@positivenow.ie by 12:00pm, February 19th, 2016. Lunch and refreshments provided on the day. Conference free to all who wish to attend.