

## our home **support** scheme

Provides trained and dedicated volunteers offering practical home based support to those living with HIV in the London Borough of Southwark.

## our **hiv** prevention project

Provides HIV awareness and training workshops, advocacy and advice for communities in London.

## our **sargeant** project

The Sargeant Project is a one-day a week service for women living with or affected by HIV. It offers them and their pre-school children the opportunity to meet others like themselves in an environment which is safe, confidential, supportive, non-judgemental and free from stigma or prejudice.

## our **pluspoint** project

Provides professional, psychotherapy and counselling for those living with or affected by HIV including carers, health workers, partners and family members—at low and affordable costs.

## further information

If you would like to know more about our work or if you feel you might benefit from our service and initiatives then contact us today.

We'd also like to hear from you if you would like to become one of our volunteers or are able to offer financial support.

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**supporting those affected by hiv**

RAISING AWARENESS TO COUNTER PREJUDICE

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## who we are

The HIV prevention project provides information, advice and training on HIV, AIDS and related matters to communities in South London. Its main goal is to have a reduction in new HIV infections through community-supported prevention models that promote sustainable attitude and behaviour change in London. Its work includes outreach to places of worship, e.g. churches, synagogues, mosques etc. Support programmes are available for faith leaders, congregations, small groups, women's groups, men's groups and youths.

- Highlight new areas of concern
- Increasing awareness and understanding
- Root out prejudice
- Generate and deploy new and more appropriate practical and pastoral initiatives
- Encourage safer and more responsible behaviours
- Address the needs of those marginalised and stigmatised
- Offer practical and spiritual support

**our work is founded on the conviction that faith-based communities not only have a potentially vital role to play in alleviating and lessening the impact of hiv, but that they also have a duty to fulfil that role to the greatest extent possible.**

## why we are here

Although the number of people dying for HIV-related conditions is decreasing dramatically each year, as yet there is still no cure for HIV and statistics show that more people are becoming infected with the virus each month.

Even though new treatment options and combination therapies have transformed both the quality of the life and life expectancy for these people, living with the ongoing uncertainty and day-to-day pressure of a serious and potentially life-threatening infection is still one of the most stressful and difficult experiences imaginable.

Sadly, misunderstanding, discrimination and fear also persist—affecting all areas of life for those affected by HIV, from relationships, finance and employment to holidays, mobility, insurance, home ownership and travel.

## what we believe

That by raising awareness with effective training and education programmes, we can help to counter misunderstanding and lighten the burden of prejudice experienced by people living with HIV/AIDS, contributing directly to well-being and quality of life.

## we provide

- Information, advice and training on HIV related issues both in London and further field.
- Public support for those infected with or affected by HIV by co-ordination the annual Worlds Aids Day service at Southwark Cathedral.
- Tailor-made training days and awareness initiatives both for faith-based communities and other concerned individuals or groups.
- A range of specialised initiatives including the provision of low-cost psychotherapy and services specifically geared to the needs of HIV+ women.
- Ongoing and active co-operation and partnership with other organisations and groups within the HIV community.