

Women from the East and from the West at the World AIDS Conference

Cologne, Germany, 8.3.2010. Whether in Germany or Moldavia – many women with HIV live isolated and face stigma and discrimination. Die German Foundation Sexuality and Health (Gemeinnützige Stiftung Sexualität und Gesundheit, GSSG) is going to enable activist women living with HIV and activist women working with HIV to participate at the World AIDS conference. The foundation is organizing this initiative as a Twinning Project: A woman from Germany is coupled with a woman from Eastern Europe or Central Asia to become a twin pair, in order to experience the conference together. The two women could share their experience and attain their knowledge together while empowering one another.

To participate in the project, the women have to be part of their home country's HIV community. They must speak at least one of the official conference languages, English or Russian. And they must be prepared to share their experience and knowledge within their community.

Women who are interested in participating should complete and sign the attached form in either English or Russian and post, e-mail or fax it to the GSSG before March 31st, 2010.

A commission of experts chooses from the applications. Dorle Miesala Edel (Ukraine-expert for the German Federal Ministry of Health), Andrea von Lieven (Program Manager at International AIDS-Vaccine Initiative IAVI) and Sylvia Urban (Board of German AIDS-Hilfe DAH) support the GSSG-Board members Ulrike Sonnenberg-Schwan, Elfriede Steffan und Gaby Wirz.

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