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WOMEN TO VIENNA

WOMEN AND HIV IN EUROPE: VIENNA 2010 and BEYOND

Dear all,

From 18 to 23 July 2010, the XVIII International AIDS Conference takes place in Vienna - a great chance to bring together strength, experience and knowledge from women all around the world and especially from women in Europe. Therefore we (Aids Hilfe Vienna, **PULSHIV**, Network Women and HIV/AIDS Germany, Salamander Trust, ICW, and the ATHENA Network) are planning a meeting at the end of October to identify the most important issues for women across Europe, and to build an agenda for shared advocacy at AIDS2010 around women and HIV. We invite you to join in these efforts and would like to ask you to help us to get an idea of the situation women are facing in your country.

- 1. What are the most important issues women living with HIV face in your country?
- 2. From your perspective, what would be the most important issues for women to address during AIDS2010 in Vienna?
- 3. What are the most active organizations on women and HIV in your country, including contact details?
- 4. Who are the most visible leaders on women and HIV in your country?
- 5. Who would you recommend as speakers for AIDS2010 in Vienna? (The Conference presentation languages are English and Russian only.)
- 6. Do you have any particular reports, websites, from your country/region that you would like to share with us (in the language(s) of your country)? If so please add in the links to them here: (eg ICW has a report called "Silent Voices" on issues facing women in relation to HIV and drug use in the UK; Pozfem UK has a report on issues facing women living with HIV in the UK both are in English.
- 7. If you would like to work with us, please share your contact details (name of the organization you are working for, your name, email address, country/region and main language)

We invite you to join our planning group by sending an email to <u>aids2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com</u>. For more information, please send an email to <u>womentovienna@gmail.com</u>

Warm wishes and please join us!

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