

13th Annual Gay Health Forum

The Gay Men's Health Service (GMHS), HSE and our partners Gay Health Network (GHN), with the support of the Department of Health, the HSE's National Divisions Health and Wellbeing, Primary Care and Mental Health, is pleased to announce the 13th Annual Gay Health Forum (GHF13) on Friday 5th June, at The Printworks, Dublin Castle.

Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) are recognised as a key target group for HIV prevention, sexual health awareness and care and support services. GMHS, GHN, the HSE and the Department of Health endorse this by holding the Annual Gay Health Forum.

The GHF 13 theme 'Empowering: Sexual Health and Well-Being', reflects the Healthy Ireland Framework of Actions – Empowering People and Communities, Partnerships and Cross-Sectoral Work and Research and Evidence.

GHF 13 presents an opportunity for those involved in clinical and community service provision, public health, surveillance, protection and promotion, and for those involved in HIV, sexual health and other health-related work, to network, share and acknowledge all our efforts in advancing the health and well being of the MSM and LGBT communities.

GHF13 is free:

It is advised to register as soon as possible. To register, please email your details to info@ghn.ie: (Name, Organisation, Org. Address, Email Address, Telephone No. and any dietary requirements).

DRAFT PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

9.15^{AM} REGISTRATION: (TEA, COFFEE, SCONES)

9.45^{AM} WELCOME TO GHF13 (CHAIRPERSON: PATRICK LYNCH, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND VERIFICATION DIVISION HSE)

- GMHS 22 Annual Report 2014: Mick Quinlan, Manager, GMHS HSE
- GHN Annual Report 2014 & the Man2Man Programme: Susan Donlon, HIV Ireland
- The Road Travelled: GHA 30 – Gay Health Action (GHA) the first AIDS action group in Ireland: Ann Nolan (PHD) TCD & Maynooth College

10.05^{AM} NOEL WALSH 7TH MEMORIAL PRESENTATION (CHAIRPERSON: DIANE NURSE, NATIONAL LEAD SOCIAL INCLUSION, HSE)

- Official Launch of GHF 13: Jerry Buttimer T.D. Chairperson, Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children
- National Sexual Health Communications & Partnerships: Helen Deely, Head of HSE Crisis Pregnancy Programme
- Belongto Yes Marriage Equality Campaign: Michael Barron, Director, BeLong To Youth Service

10.40^{AM} SURVEILLANCE AND TRENDS (CHAIRPERSON: DANIEL McCARTNEY, RESEARCHER GHN)

- Trends in STIs in MSM in Ireland: Gillian Cullen, Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC)
- LGV and MSM: Dr. Fionnuala Cooney, Department of Public Health, HSE East
- Q&A

11.10^{AM} BREAK

11.30^{AM} RESEARCHING MSM (CHAIRPERSON: DANIEL McCARTNEY)

- MSM Internet Survey Ireland (MISI) 2015: Overall response and next steps in analysis and presentation of the findings. Dr. Derval Igoe, HPSC, Chair of MISI 2015 Steering Group
- GMSS 2014 UK: HIV Prevention Objectives among MSM in England: Data from the Gay Men's Sex Surveys 2010 and 2014. Dr. Ford Hickson, Sigma Research UK
- Q&A

12.15^{PM} COMMUNITY-BASED HIV & STI TESTING (CHAIRPERSON, DR SUSAN CLARKE, CONSULTANT ID, GMHS)

- Self Testing for STIs at GMHS & also at the Outreach Clinic at Outhouse LGBT Centre (GMHS)
- GUIDE Clinic at HIV Ireland: (GUIDE & HIV Ireland)
- European HIV Testing Week at GOSHH, Limerick: (GOSHH)

- HSE Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme and USI, 'Pilot Testing at SHAG Week 2015' (USI, GMHS & GUIDE)
- Q&A
- 1.00^{PM} BREAK: LIGHT LUNCH
- 1.30^{PM} EMPOWERING AND SUPPORTING LIVES (CHAIRPERSON: DAVID CARROLL, DIRECTOR BELONGTO)
- Personal Development Courses: Tony Cooney, Gay Switchboard Ireland
- 'In The Know' Positive Sexual Health for Younger MSM: Sean Frayne, BeLonG To Youth Service
- Support Groups & Services for People Living with HIV: Positive Now
- GMHS Counselling at Outhouse: Jose Castilho, Counsellor, GMHS.
- PROMOTING MSM SEXUAL HEALTH IN OTHER SETTINGS
- Mental Health: Dr Peter Nevins, Director Islington MIND
- MSM and bio-medical HIV prevention (PrEP and TasP): Where do we go from here? Peter Keogh, Senior Lecturer Public Health, Open University UK.
- 3.30^{PM} CLOSE
- Further details (not registration) mick.quinlan@hse.ie