

HIV Research Cafés bridge the worlds of community and academia through casual and respectful plain language conversations about one or more HIV research articles
Hosted by the Engaging Physicians Project at the Okanagan Rainbow Coalition Centre

Hey! Want to train as peer-facilitator for a research cafe? Our next training will take place on Saturday, June 6th 2009 from 10 AM to 4 PM, lunch included.

To prepare for the

Touch me in the Morning!

A breakfast conversation about research on Men who have Sex with Men and Healthcare

A research café during Pride 2009 on Saturday, June 20th from 10AM to 12 PM

Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, the Community-Based Research Facilitator (CBRF) will train up to 10 peer-facilitators – we already have some graduates from our first cafe held on April 24th 2009.

Register with Kevin at ksaya-moore@lprc.ca

How does this “HIV Research Café” work?

People are tired of the classroom and meeting room, PowerPoints, and talking heads. We’re reclaiming social spaces for dialogue! The café features three hot research topics: the significance of semen, the importance of douching, and Positive Prevention. In advance, we send those who register three academic research papers relevant to the topic, and our guests read as much or as little as their time, energy and interest permits.

The event held in a local café, *by registration only*, and with a light breakfast included. The location is e-mailed to registered participants in advance. It is like friends gathering over coffee to chat – We greet our guests at the entrance and show them to their assigned table where they will be in the welcoming company of at least one peer-facilitator, one academic, and no more than three other guests per table for a friendly and informal breakfast conversation.

There are no group presentations mentioning HIV, no ‘expert guests’ telling guests what they don’t know, no signs saying ‘HIV Research Café’, no minutes, no recordings, and otherwise no broadcast messages about HIV.

Later, we will ask guests who volunteer their contact information to tell us about their experience, learning, or opinions on the topic (for evaluation purposes). We will distribute cards with a hyperlink to an online feedback tool.

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