

Touch Me in the Morning

A brunch Conversation about research on Men who have Sex with Men and healthcare

TIME: A brunch café during Kelowna Pride on Saturday June 20, 10AM to 12NOON.

How does this research café work?

People are tired of the classroom and the meeting room, Powerpoints, and talking heads. We're claiming social spaces for dialogue! The café features a hot research topic on Men who have Sex with Men and the accessibility to appropriate healthcare. In Advance we send those who register an academic paper relevant to the topic, and our guests read as much or as little as their time, energy and interest permits.

The event is held in a local café, **by registration only**, and with a light breakfast included. The location is emailed 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 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 research café no minutes, no recordings, and otherwise no broadcast messages.

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.

...and who participates?

The community-based research facilitator (CBRF) will train peer-facilitators on June 6th, 2009 – we already have some graduates from our first café held in Vancouver on April 24th, 2009. We invite academics, health care providers, frontline ASO workers, community based organization members, university students and anyone interested.

Want to attend? Contact Kevin at ksaya-moore@lprc.ca