

WE LOVE 56

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Because you are the Hilton
of Sexual Health centres



and you make us feel great.

And you did this.

HIV infections fall by 40% in Europe's biggest sexual health clinic

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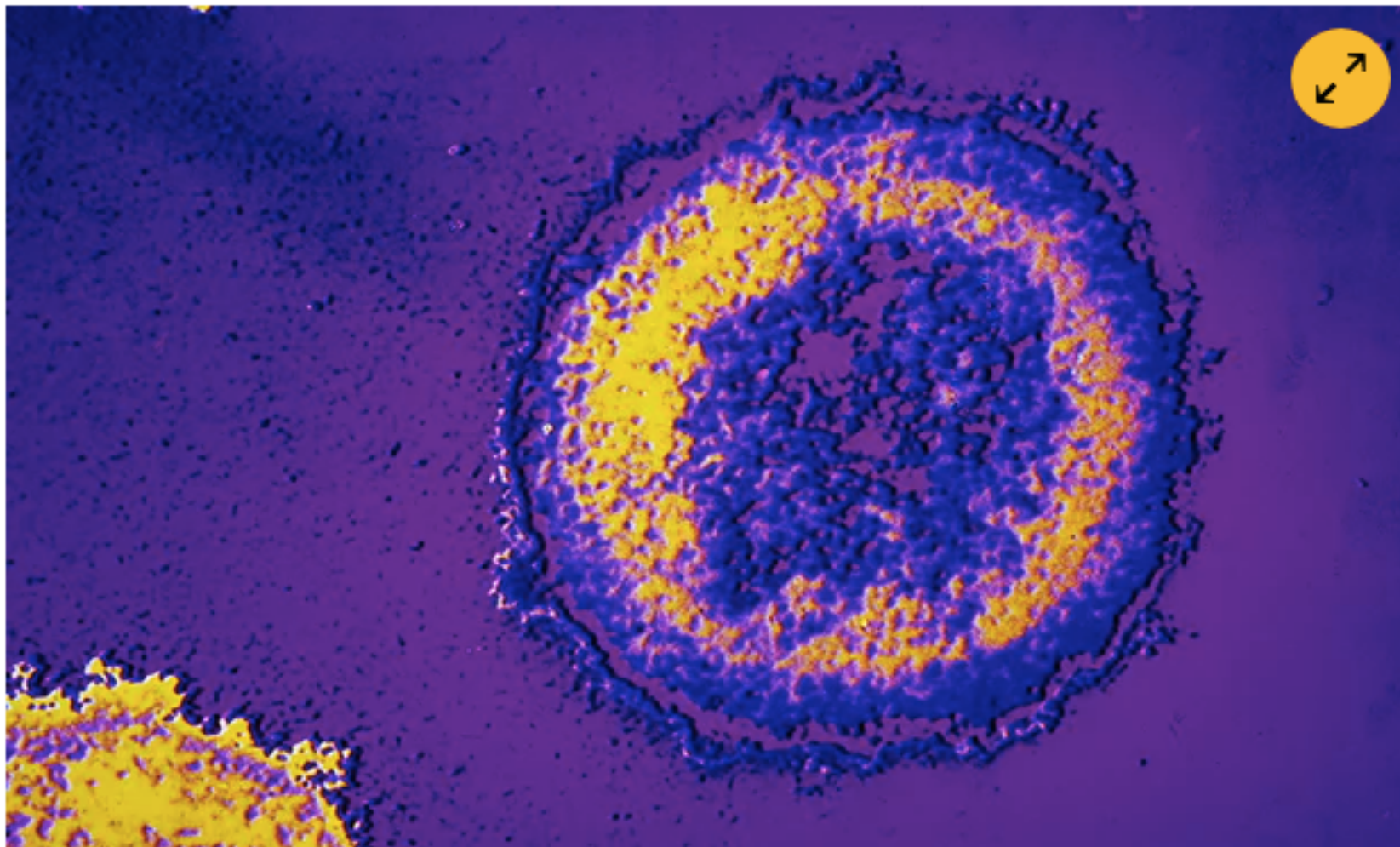
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But we are scared . . .

STI warning as clinics close in London and self-testing is delayed

Six long-established sexual health clinics have shut as part of a move from face-to-face consultations to online services



i The HIV virus seen through a microscope. There are fears a reduction of services in London could see infection levels rise again. Photograph: GeoStock/Getty Images

Because the past is never the past.

1986 – Remember when Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police James Anderton, backed by Margaret Thatcher, said *“homosexuals, drug addicts and prostitutes who had HIV/AIDS were – swirling in a human cesspit of their own making”*?

1987 – Remember when every single household got a *‘AIDS – Don’t Die of Ignorance’* leaflet through their door?

1988 – Remember when *‘Section 28’* prevented schools from teaching about homosexuality and how in 2008 HIV+ children were turned away from schools?

1991 – Remember when Whitney Houston led thousands of Londoners to Trafalgar Square as part of the epic HIV – Vigil?

2014 – Remember UKIP’s Nigel Farage saying *‘Frankly, HIV+ migrants should be the last people we allow into Britain’*?

2016 – Remember how women, trans, Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) stripped naked to protest against Gilead’s pharmaceutical greed?

2017 – Remember how successes like the introduction of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) has halted diagnoses amongst gay men today but HIV+ stigma for heterosexuals is still as isolating as ever?

Everyday – Remember how National Health Service (NHS) nurses, doctors and users continually put their lives on the line to protect the HIV+ community?

Remember the tragedy, sex, desire, isolation, activism, hate and love which have made the story of the HIV+ epidemic at the heart of the story of modern London?

So we have got a bus - the BANG BUS -
a literal and metaphorical vehicle for
social change.

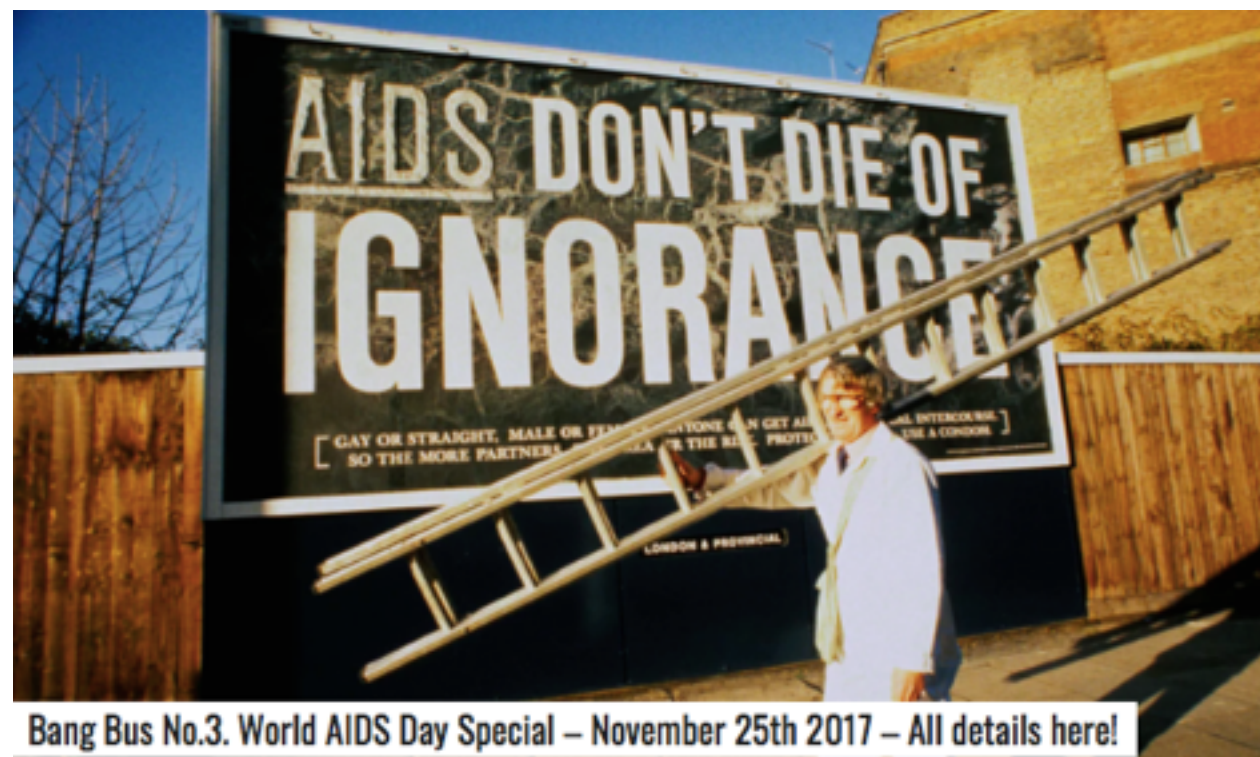


**All aboard the Bang Bus:
London's outrageous, queer
late night trip through time**
A vehicle for change

And would love you to get on board.

The 'BANG BUS – World AIDS Day Special' an immersive theatrical bus-tour of London journeying through the decades and places to bring the history of HIV+ in London to life. The BANG BUS is a literal and metaphorical vehicle for creative and radical social change. We want to platform the nurses, doctors, artists and community activists at the heart of changing the HIV+ epidemic the BANG BUS – World AIDS Day Special' serves to harness history to strengthen the fight today to protect the NHS and to demand a permanent AIDS Memorial in London. [Read more about the BANG BUS here!](#)

Profits go to 'Keep our NHS Public' and the 'John Mordaunt Trust'.



**LEST WE
FORGET**
**PROTECT
THE NHS**

Bang Bus No.2
World AIDS Day Special

Act Up! Fight Back! Fight AIDS! 30 years old and still on the streets!

An immersive theatrical HIV History bus-tour of London to harness history to protect the National Health Service (NHS).

Meet: Soho Square, 2pm Saturday November 25th 2017
Book at www.queertoursoflondon.com / www.queertoursoflondon.com



SILENCE=DEATH



What will happen?

The bus journey will bring to life the journey of HIV+ in Central London over the last 4 decades. At each stop there will be hosts who have been either healthcare workers or healthcare users at different stages of HIV+ in London. We also have surprise singers such as Lana Pelay who was a famous pop star in the 1980's who stood up for HIV+ rights plus politicians such as Lord Fowler who were at the heart of pushing through policy.

Where?

25th November 2017

2pm - Meeting point in Soho Square.

3pm - 1970's sexual freedom - Old Compton St

3.30pm - 1980's - outside the former Middlesex Hospital in Fitzrovia to animate the onslaught of AIDS

4pm - Trafalgar Square to highlight the huge protests for medication

4.30pm - 10 Downing Street with speakers on 'Campaign 87' and 'Section 28' and related policy changes

5pm - Parliament Square - HIV+ performers and artists from Africa and Asia sharing the global story

5.30pm - 56 Dean Street, Soho - with leading nurses and doctors describing the situation today

6-630pm - arrive at Broadwick Street.

It was glorious last time.



"The Bang Bus perfectly recreated the crucial alchemy of your best ever night's out: chaos, drama, unexpected twists, a sense of danger, and most importantly a beautiful mix of diverse and up-for-it Queers out to reclaim the city for themselves! This intoxicating brew helped complete a sparkling dot-to-dot through the sadly lost palaces of queerdome. I'll never forget the amount of people smiling at us from other buses or in their flats as we sailed through the night. Even the British weather couldn't stop everyone from dancing and singing their hearts out. It was a magical night that I'm not going to forget in a hurry." James Ivory

Join us this time for the most informative and outrageous healthcare party ever.



And let's join David Stuart as he leads us in his HIV+ anthem



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



ACT UP London is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the HIV pandemic, along with the broader inequalities and injustices that perpetuate it.. In the fourth decade of this crisis, we fight to ensure comprehensive and easily accessible treatment for all people, in all countries. This includes not only medications but also mental and social health services as well as housing and economic equality. Here in the UK, we are united with the coalition of activists fighting to keep our National Health Service free, publicly run, and fully funded. www.actuplondon.wordpress.com



For this years 50th anniversary of partial decriminalisation of homosexuality 'QUEER TOURS OF LONDON – A Mince Through Time' are being set up to bring forth the visibility of our incredible community at large and the journey to how we became who we are today. Against the backdrop of the mass closure of LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex) cultural spaces and support services, 'QUEER TOURS OF LONDON' are being developed to support London's current queer activism, culture and performance in all its glory. We would LOVE to hear from you. If you are interested in getting involved as an individual or as a partner organisation and if you are press please email queertoursoflondon@gmail.com

Mega thanks to all our partners 'Positively UK', 'Positive East', 'ACT UP LONDON', 'Stop AIDS', 'Naz Project London', 'Eastside Community Heritage', 'Bishopsgate Institute', 'London Metropolitan Archives' and all HIV+ related organisations involved in the curation so far.

And get your glad rags on!

