



# HIV, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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## Inaugural Seminar

Sponsored by Jim Eadie MSP

Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm

Committee Room 2, Scottish Parliament

### Programme Schedule

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Timing	Presentation	Speaker(s)
5.30 – 6.00pm	Registration, finger buffet and networking	
6.00 – 6.05pm	Welcome & Introduction from the Chair	Jim Eadie MSP
6.05 – 6.10pm	HHRD Network – An overview	Dr George Palattiyil & Dr Dina Sidhva
6.10 – 6.30pm	Good Care for People with HIV: Rights and Wrongs	Prof Jane Anderson
6.30 – 6.50pm	HIV and Family Considerations in the 21st Century	Prof Lorraine Sherr
6.50 – 7.10pm	Living with HIV in the UK: A Reflective Conversation	Nico Ndlovu & Oonagh O'Brien
7.10 – 7.30pm	HIV, Human Rights and Access to Justice	Prof Avrom Sherr
7.30 – 7.50pm	Panel Question and Answer	Facilitated by the Chair
7.50 – 8.00pm	Wrap up and thank you's	Dr Dina Sidhva

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### Network Partners



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## Ministerial Message:

*“HIV is a priority for the Scottish Government. We continue to invest in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of HIV in Scotland, and in services and activities to support those who are affected by the virus. However despite progress in many areas significant challenges remain and new challenges, such as the ageing HIV population, will continue to arise. I welcome the establishment of the HIV, Human Rights and Development Network as a new mechanism to bring experts together to explore issues around HIV. I am sure the network will make a significant contribution to our response to this disease.”*

**Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, Scottish Government**

## Message from Westminster:

*“I am sorry I cannot be with you this evening to launch the HIV, Human Rights and Development Network, as I am committed to scrutinising the Budget in the Finance Bill Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both George and Dina’s vital work in this area and Jim Eadie MSP for hosting this event. The Network will do much to connect those working and thinking about HIV here in Scotland, where we have much to contribute in the fight against HIV both here in the UK and throughout the world. This launch comes at an extraordinary time when scientific progress means we can now really talk about putting a stop to this epidemic. I am delighted that this Network will help enable us to contribute to the End of AIDS”*

**Pamela Nash, MP and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on HIV/AIDS, Westminster**

**The University of Edinburgh is launching a new collaboration—HIV, Human Rights and Development Network, to help stem the global HIV epidemic today. The Network is co-hosted by the University's Global Health Academy.**

It is the first network in the UK to bring together professionals from these backgrounds to share cutting edge research on the inextricable link between HIV, human rights and development with the intention of informing vital policy and practice to stem the HIV epidemic. The Network has been set up by Dr George Palattiyil and Dr Dina Sidhva (Joint Convenors of the Network), following their research with HIV positive asylum seekers in Scotland.

The spread of HIV is directly related to human rights and development issues. The disease thrives in conditions of powerlessness, poverty, inequality, exploitation and social exclusion. Its spread has undone some developmental progress in some parts of the world.

The Network aims to run seminars based on cutting-edge research and good practice examples which will influence policy outcomes relating to HIV, human rights and development. Acting as a platform for knowledge exchange for practitioners, policy makers, academics, activists and other interested parties in Scotland and beyond, the network seeks to influence domestic policy and explore Scotland’s role in influencing policy in relevant international arenas that impact upon Scottish practice.

By taking a unique approach to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Network hopes to address the wider social, economic, cultural and political factors that drive the epidemic, such as gender-based inequalities and violence, poverty, exploitation and social exclusion and government inaction.

The Network is supported by an Advisory Committee which includes Jim Eadie MSP (Scottish Parliament), David Johnson (National Co-ordinator for Sexual Health and HIV, Health Protection Team, Scottish Government), Liz Grant (Deputy Director, Global Health Academy, University of Edinburgh), Grant Sugden (Director, Waverley Care), George Valiotis (Chief Executive, HIV Scotland), Robert McKay (Director, THT Scotland), Oonagh O’Brian (Lecturer, Queen Margaret University), and Marjorie Clark (HIV Programme Coordinator, Church of Scotland).

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