

ALONG WITH TIME

# WORLD AIDS DAY



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In frames of World AIDS DAY "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized number of events. The special issue of the "Along with time" tells about these events.



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## *“Hands up for HIV prevention” action*



On the eve of World AIDS Day, in Northern Avenue “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO launched “Hands up for HIV prevention” action. Many citizens joined the fight on the promotion of HIV prevention. By initiation of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO during 3 days citizens had chance to take a photo putting their hands for HIV prevention.

*The main objective of the campaign is to unite the international community in the fight on World AIDS Day.*



About 100 people have joined the “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO flash-mob and shared all that photos that were taken during the special photo-shoot. People in photos showing their hands with slogans regarding their struggle for HIV/AIDS prevention.





## *“United Response to HIV” movie screening*

On 1st of December multifunctional platform LOFT was turned to conference hall for the fight against HIV. Activists who are involved in HIV/AIDS prevention programs were gathered in one place. On that day “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO introduced the documentary film “United Response to HIV” which tells about the united struggle against HIV/AIDS in Armenia. The film focuses on the ongoing projects and future changes and potential problems associated with this issue.



The idea of making this movie belongs to Sergey Gabrielyan, the President of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO. The film represents all NGOs who provide services to vulnerable groups. Representatives of NGOs talk about issues regarding continuity of their programs. For the first time beneficiaries “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO, men who have sex with men also talk about the program. They spoke about services provided to them and about its importance. As the film director Arman Gharibyan says “United Response to HIV” is a good opportunity for the public to understand the importance of such programs and HIV testing. “This movie has several goals. First of all we have tried to show the huge work done by the united efforts of our State, international and local

organizations”, Arman says. The film focuses on the continuity of HIV/AIDS prevention programs, existing concerns and possible solutions regarding it. Last but not the least the movie aims to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS making its modest contribution to



prevention programs.

Office manager of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO’s Yerevan branch Arman Sahakyan in his opening speech marked that “New Generation” has a unique contribution to the field of struggle against HIV/AIDS in Armenia, as it cooperates with Governmental and non-governmental many organizations, individuals. While implementing its projects “New Generation” has always been supported by many international institutions and funds. “In keeping with its mission, the organization has initiated the shooting of the film. We hope you will like it, and it will become a part of your future fight against AIDS”, said Arman Sahakyan.





## Training seminar for transgender persons



In recent years, in order to disseminate information about HIV/AIDS "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO has been organizing various events in Yerevan and in regions of the Republic of Armenia. "Rights Side" human rights NGO, as the only organization oriented on protection of transgenders' rights in Armenia, organized a one-day seminar-training named "HIV and AIDS prevention and the importance of HIV testing."

The goal of the training is to increase the level of information of society via project beneficiaries about importance of

knowledge, HIV prevention and testing, also elimination of existing stereotypes.

"Right side" NGO President Lilit Martirosyan told us that everyone has to think and take care of his/her health and comply with all safety rules.

"HIV has a window period. This is the time when antibodies existing in human's organisms are not sufficient for the laboratory detection. It takes three to six months.

This is dangerous because the disease can be spread over this period. Therefore everyone should properly evaluate his/her own behavior and get tested after the window period if he/she have had unprotected sexual intercourse" said "Right Sight" NGO Lilit Martirosyan.

The seminar-training was conducted with "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO support.

## *“New Generation” against HIV/AIDS*

*Over 10 years “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO has been working for HIV/AIDS prevention. During these years the young team of NGO introduced the importance of preventative programs both in local and international platforms.*

*“New Generation” Humanitarian NGO staff for the first time represents the main forms of their struggle.*



I have started my activism in the field of HIV and AIDS prevention since 2006.

During the whole period of my activism I have been fighting through dissemination of information, awareness raising, human rights protection and advocacy.

***Arman Sahakyan***



***Artyom Movsesyan***

For me the fight against HIV became as important as literacy. That's why I joined to fight against one of the pests of 20th century. During my activity I have educated more than 1.000 people, who are informed and already know about HIV transmission routes, vital fluids, correct condom using, importance of HIV testing. For prevention and awareness of HIV we must do daily work starting from school.

I'm Doing my first steps in fight against HIV.

Joining the "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, one of my upcoming activities will be fighting and informing the public about ways and means to avoid HIV infection. Also inform everyone that HIV positive is not a verdict, and HIV positive persons have equal rights in the society.

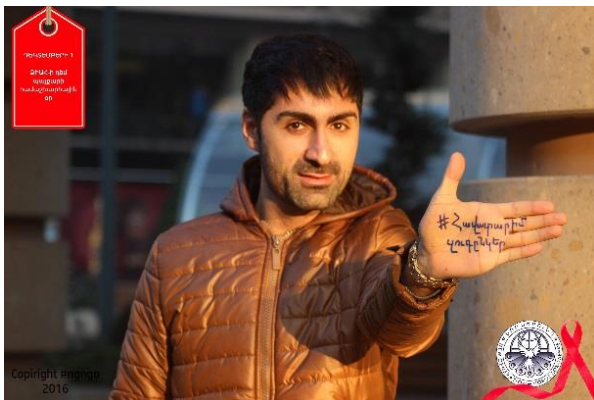


***Hayarpi Noreyan***



United struggle by the direct sense of this word: we must fight for the sake of public health, for the goals we want to achieve together. We should care of each other that's why we must fight against HIV. My way to fight is information distribution and loyalty.

***Grigor Gevorgyan***



In fight against HIV I value the awareness as for prevention, also for non-isolating HIV positive people from society.

Awareness and consistency will allow people with HIV positive status to avoid the transition phase from HIV positive status to AIDS phase and will give great results of stopping HIV spread.

***Gagik Mehrabyan***



The first condition to be protected from HIV is awareness. My 5 years experience in this field proves that who is aware, he/she is protected.

***Levon Chilingaryan***



My main way to fight HIV prevalence is information. I'm informed, I'm protected. But only my protection is not enough to prevent HIV / AIDS, so I should also disseminate the information available to me.

***Arman Gharibyan***