At International AIDS Conferences there are **persistent disparities** in the representation of networks of women and trans people living with HIV. We are **underrepresented in scholarships, as speakers and abstract presenters**, and as co/authors of abstracts.

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Our vast expertise is sidelined within HIV research.

How can the International AIDS Conference value and enhance the expertise, leadership and participation of women and transpeople living with HIV as equal partners in research?

Background

The **2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS** commits to community leadership, including supporting community-led monitoring and research.

Women and trans people living with HIV and our networks have vast experience and expertise.

Is this recognised in global agenda setting platforms like the International AIDS Conferences (IAC), which aims to increase knowledge exchange, advocacy, and community engagement?

Methods

We collected data on women and trans people living with HIV at AIDS2022 through:

- □ Data requests to IAS for numbers of women and trans people living with HIV as invited speakers, abstract presenters and scholarship recipients at AIDS2022.
- □ Review of AIDS2022 abstracts to determine how many were co/authored with/by representatives of neworks/organisations of women and trans people living with HIV.
- ☐ Analysis of data to assess representation trends.

Results - speakers and scholarships

	Total	with HIV		living with HIV
Invited Speakers	173 (100%)	16 (9%)	2 (1.2%)	1 (0.58%)
Abstract presenters	2540 (100%)	59 (2.4%)	9 (0.37%)	
Scholarships	1602 (100%)	97 (6%)	27 (1.7%)	9 (0.6%)

Results - Abstracts:

- Only 3 of 120 oral abstracts at AIDS2022 were co/authored by organisations of women and trans people living with HIV. All 3 specifically focused on health, wellbeing and lives of women and girls living with HIV, with 2 focused on trans women living with HIV.
- 24 posters were co/authored: these all directly address key issues of women and girls and trans people living with HIV.
- 99% of abstracts at AIDS2022 were authored by academics, medical institutions, governments, international agencies, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies, with no co-authors from organisations of women and trans people living with HIV.
- 9% of oral abstracts (n=11) had community co/authorship that included but was not limited to women and trans people living with HIV

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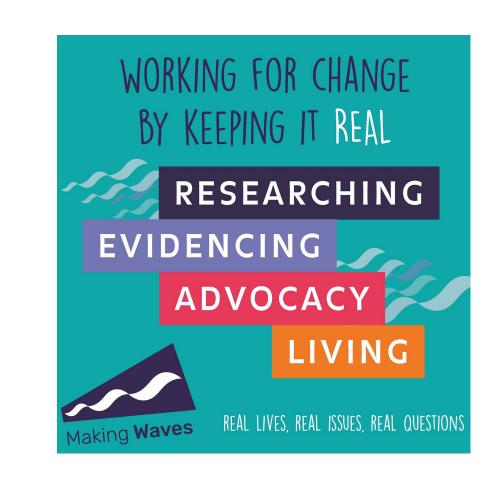
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Conclusions

We call upon the International AIDS Society to:

- ensure women and trans people living with HIV in speaking and leadership roles at IAC and monitor this.
- promote community co/authorship in research (e.g. through abstract and review instructions) to amplify diversity of expertise in the global HIV response.







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