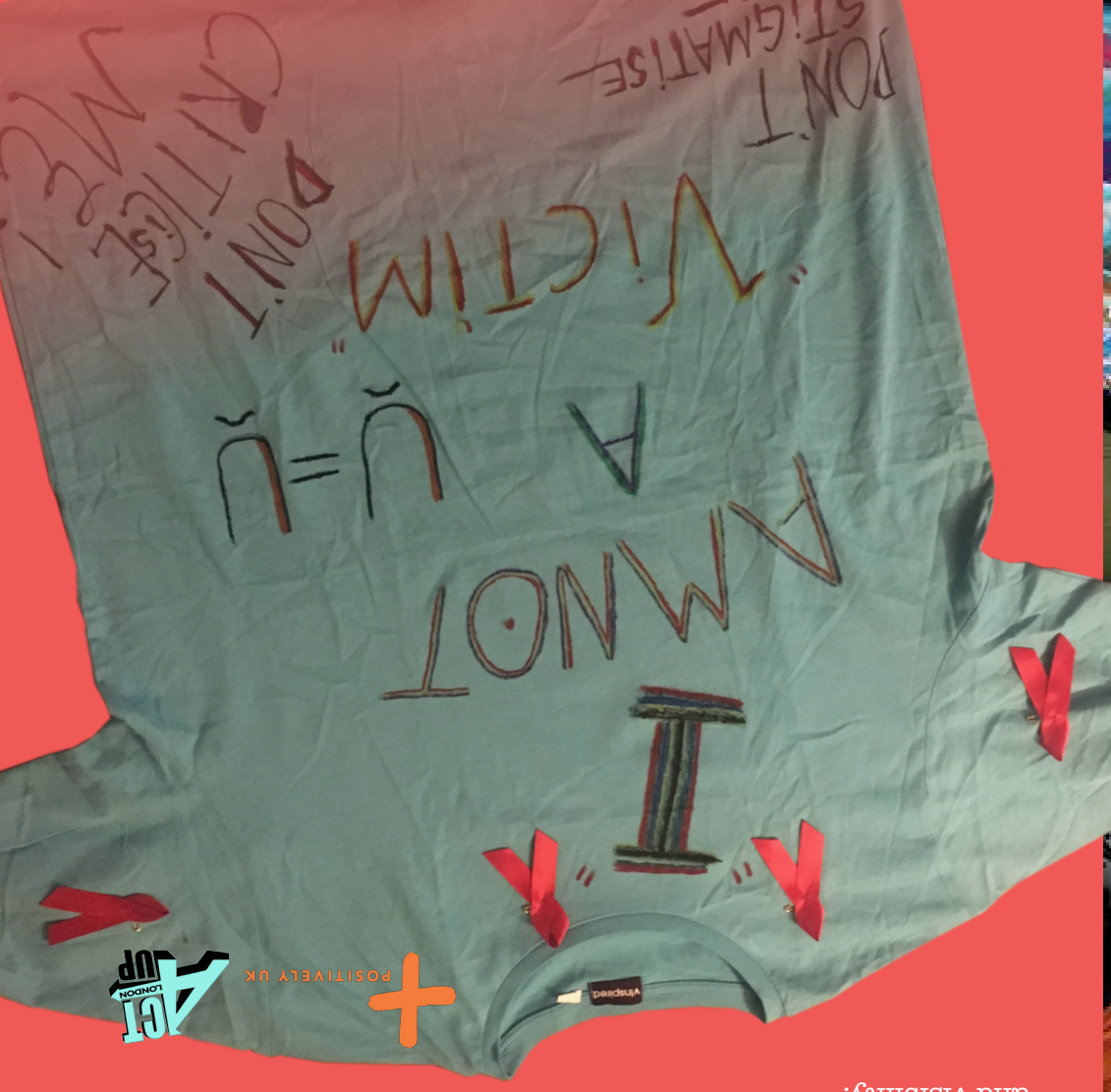


and visibility.



'Stand up for PrEP' rally outside Deptarment of Health, 7 July 2017

Positively UK Women and Act Up London Women

have been building a powerful, grass- roots lobbying coalition and creative community.

'The Catwalk for Power, Resistance, and Hope' has enabled leadership and voice to surface from an established group of women living with HIV.

Since late 2017, the group has been engaged in creative workshops that have evolved as safe spaces shaped by women, full of creative possibilities and opportunities to lead with feminist voice, respect, and visibility.

Act Up London Women are a creative, direct action group of feminist women activists from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. With a focus on the rights of women, the group advocate on healthcare access, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis pandemics, fighting big pharma greed, and social stigma.

Act Up London Women have a strong understanding of intersectional issues around marginalisation and stigma, as these relate to HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), social discriminations and economic inequalities. They are committed to breaking the silence and building meaningful community connections to make positive change happen.

Globally, over half of people living with HIV are women. Inequalities effect women differently and are often overlooked in wider HIV and HCV discourses. Act Up London Women demand rights for women and for women to have control of their bodies.

We ACT UP for WOMEN because Silence =Death!
To read about our direct actions and campaigns go to:
actuplondon.wordpress.com

To get involved, email: **actuplondonwomen@gmail.com**



'Global Day of Action against Roche's Inhumaity' (a challenge to big pharma to reduce the cost of breast cancer treatment medicines), 7 February, 2017.

Positively UK is a national charity providing peer-led services to people with HIV. It has a powerful, matriarchal history, with roots that stretch back to the early days of the AIDS crisis in London. In 1987, two young women, Sheila and Jaynie, self-organsied to form the first ever UK-based, peer support group for women living with HIV. Their small, local group 'Positively Women' served as a powerful springboard that became a registered charity in 1990, launched by committed HIV/AIDS campaigner, HRH Dianna Princess of Wales.

In 2010, the organisation rebranded as Positively UK and expanded its powerful model of peer support to all people living with HIV nationally. The presence of women as leaders and organisers is still a key component of Positively UK's community building and support services. **positivelyuk.org**



Jaynie and Sheila., Founding Members of Positively UK.

Living in a world of challenges and fear,

I rise

Because I'm so fine and I'm all mine,

I rise

When the people I love are happy and peace is there,

I rise

We are women, resourceful, strong givers-of-life; sisters, lovers, daughters, forever women,

we rise

I am fearfully and wonderfully made,

I rise.