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 affect 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

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-organised 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. Positively UK has a strong reputation for its high-quality, peer-led support, and its commitment to ensuring that the voices of women are heard and valued.

‘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 engaging 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.

Positively UK Women and Act Up London Women have been building a powerful, grassroots lobbying coalition and creative community.

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Living in a world of challenges and fear,
Because I’m so fine and I’m all mine,
When the people I love are happy and peace is there,
We are women, resourceful, strong givers-of-life; sisters, lovers, daughters, forever women,
I am fearfully and wonderfully made,
we rise
I rise.

I rise
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I rise.