

# Challenging Wrongs. Advancing Rights. Transforming Lives.

## HIV LEGAL NETWORK

Our mission is to create a world where the human rights and dignity of people living with, at risk of, or affected by HIV are fully realized, and where governments not only protect these rights but actively promote them.

For more than 25 years, the HIV Legal Network (formerly the “Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network”) has challenged injustice, using research and analysis, advocacy and litigation, public education, and community mobilization to defend rights and advance policies that will help us overcome the HIV epidemic. We are a recognized global leader in the movement for health and human rights. HIV knows no borders — so neither do we.

## WHAT’S AT STAKE

Denied basic healthcare. Criminalized and vilified. Targeted, detained, tortured — and sometimes killed — by police. These abuses, and much more, are too often the experience of people living with HIV and of communities affected by HIV. LGBTQ+ people, people who use drugs, sex workers, prisoners, women, Indigenous and racialized people are undervalued, underserved, and their rights often violated. The denial of their human rights undermines public health and obstructs our path to a world free from HIV as a public health threat. But our resistance comes from our hope for a better future, working in solidarity with those who are affected and with other human rights defenders to make sustainable change.

## OUR WORK

Ending HIV as a public health threat will take the hard work of many, including individuals like you who step up to help. We know that an effective response to the HIV epidemic can only be achieved when those who are most affected are meaningfully involved in building solutions. Our work is designed to ensure that respecting, protecting, and fulfilling human rights is a key part of the response, in Canada and around the world.

**We’re focused on three main goals:**

- 1 REPEALING OR REFORMING LAWS AND POLICIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS**
- 2 ENACTING AND IMPLEMENTING LAWS AND POLICIES THAT PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS**
- 3 EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO DEFEND AND ENJOY THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS**

**To be most effective, we combine four interconnected strategies:**

### Research and Analysis

We bring together the best available evidence and human rights principles to recommend ways in which the law and public policy can be used to help overcome stigma, end criminalization and other violations, and protect and promote health.

### Community Mobilization

We ensure that affected communities are a driving force in our work. We support them by providing research and analysis, and by amplifying their voices as we collectively push for change. We provide tools to bring allies on board and help communities successfully defend and demand respect for human rights.

### Advocacy and Litigation

We meet directly with government decision-makers to campaign for human rights. We speak out in the media, making the case in the court of public opinion. And we use strategic litigation as a tool to hold governments accountable.

### Public Education

We develop educational resources that make the issues accessible. We offer human rights education events across Canada and around the world. We share these important human rights messages in multiple ways to diverse audiences — including those who hold power — around the world.



## YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM LIVES

We invite you to join us as we work to build a better, safer, healthier, and more just world. Here are a few ways you can help us stand up for health and human rights:

-  **Make a donation** by sending in the attached donation form or by giving online at [www.HIVLegalNetwork.ca/donate](http://www.HIVLegalNetwork.ca/donate)
-  **Follow us on social media**  
 @HIVLegal  
 @HIVLegalNetwork
-  **Join our mailing list at**  
[www.HIVLegalNetwork.ca/subscribe](http://www.HIVLegalNetwork.ca/subscribe)
-  **Learn more by visiting**  
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## JOIN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY

There are many ways to support the HIV Legal Network:

- 1** I would like to make a one-time donation of:  
 \$50    \$100    \$500    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2** I would like to make a regular monthly donation of:  
 \$20    \$50    \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3**  I would like to learn how to make a planned gift or a gift of securities.
- 4**  I am interested in learning more about the organization and/or becoming a member.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

All donations are in Canadian currency.

Monthly payments to start on:

1<sup>st</sup> or  15<sup>th</sup> / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
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