

# Newsletter # 5

## Testimonial Cultures

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### Upcoming meetings

LGBTQI Working Group :  
Reflective Discussion  
May 28th, 6 :30pm to  
9pm  
Montreal Gay and  
Lesbian Community  
Center

General Assembly  
June 4th, 9 :30am to  
12 :30pm  
UQAM, room DS-1950

Executive Committee  
4 juin, 13h à 16h  
UQAM, room W-4250

### TESTIMONIAL EXAMPLE

An HIV+ woman is interviewed on the TV show C'est ça la vie



On October 17th 2011, Alexandra de Kiewit openly talked about living with HIV on Radio-Canada television. She says that "HIV saved her life!" because it gave her a wake-up call. She now wishes to be an agent of change.

[CLICK HERE to see the interview \(in French only\)](#)

### Pre-STUDY DAY Activities

**VIHsibilité's Advisory Committee reunion:** On May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, a special "reunion" meeting at UQAM brought together 16 people who were part of the VIHsibilité Project's advisory committee. The group collectively interpreted results from 19 interviews conducted with HIV-positive people who have given testimonials to the media. The exchanges we had were extremely rich! Thanks to all who participated.

**Reflective Discussion on the Uses of Testimonials as an Intervention Practice for LGBTQI-identified people.** On May 28th, from 6 :30pm to 9pm, members from a number of LGBTQI organizations (GRIS-Montréal, PolitiQ, ATQ, Arc en ciel d'Afrique, IRIS-Estrie, SILK) will be attending a discussion activity at the Montreal Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The objective of this meeting will be to share thoughts and experiences with regards to social intervention strategies that are based on the use of testimonials.

