



## New Hampshire HIV Planning Group

### ***Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire*** Information Packet for Storytellers

#### **What is This Project?**

The [NH HIV Planning Group](#) (HPG) is collaborating with [StoryCenter](#) on a multimedia storytelling, education, and leadership development project: ***Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire***. ***Etched from Granite*** will help make the voices of NH residents impacted by HIV a key ingredient of our community education efforts. StoryCenter will facilitate a digital storytelling workshop, and train workshop participants to screen their stories and engage in conversations to encourage HIV awareness and reduce stigma.

#### Goals:

Engaging HIV impacted community members in speaking out  
Reducing HIV stigma, encouraging testing, and improving service

#### **What is a Digital Storytelling Workshop?**

StoryCenter's "Digital Storytelling Workshop" brings a group of eight people together to share true *personal* stories from their lives, as short digital videos. Those who attend will share a story verbally, in a group "Story Circle"; write a script for the story; record the story into a microphone; and use computers to edit the story. Prior media experience is not necessary. Expert facilitators will give support for all aspects of the workshop. [Watch this powerful story](#) from StoryCenter's work on HIV stigma, with the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center to get a sense of what a finished video looks like.

The four-day digital storytelling workshop will be held in Manchester, NH on July 18-21 (Tues-Fri), from 10 am – 4 pm each day. You must be able to attend all four days of the workshop, and two short online follow up training webinars.

#### **What Kinds of Storytellers Are Needed?**

This project will represent a diversity of people and perspectives. We're looking for adults 18 or older, living in NH, impacted by HIV, who are willing to attend the workshop and share a unique, personal story as a short video. Participants should have a strong interest and commitment to raising HIV awareness and be willing to participate in trainings to learn to publicly share their experience with HIV, and use the collection of stories to engage the community. We're seeking stories that address the successes, challenges, stigma/discrimination, hopes and fears of living with HIV.

#### **What Will I Gain From Participating in the Project?**

If you participate in the ***Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire*** project you will have the chance to:

- share a meaningful story from your own life, with a group of compassionate, like-minded listeners
- build relationships with your fellow workshop participants
- learn strategies for publicly sharing the digital stories in local communities and online
- receive online training on how to publicly present the digital stories to promote HIV screening and prevention, improve care, and reduce stigma
- HPG will cover participant travel and food during the workshop.
- Participants will receive a \$100 gift card for their participation.

#### **How Can I Get Involved?**

Below is the ***Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire Participant Information Form***, please fill it out and email it to Debbie Reynolds at [creativenh@ttlc.net](mailto:creativenh@ttlc.net). You are also welcome to send a message to Debbie if you have any questions about this project.

*Thank you for your interest!*

**ETCHED FROM GRANITE: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire**  
**Participant Information Form**

**Instructions:** This form is a way for us to keep track of everyone who is interested in the **Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire** storytelling project. We are requesting some personal information so that we can understand who will be participating in the digital storytelling workshop, the webinar training on story sharing, and the local story distribution activities. Because the Project is limited to eight people, we will maintain a waiting list if more than this number of people sign up.

**Please download and complete this form, and return it as an attachment by Friday, June 2, 2017** to Debbie Reynolds at [creativenh@ttlc.net](mailto:creativenh@ttlc.net). Please email Debbie with any additional questions about this project. If you need assistance completing this form, please contact Debbie at [creativenh@ttlc.net](mailto:creativenh@ttlc.net).

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** (please circle):      **Male**      **Female**      **Other**

**Race/Ethnicity** (please circle your choice, or fill in "Other"):

White /Caucasian	Black/African American	Hispanic
American Indian/Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander	Asian
Other: _____		

**Agreement to Participate**

I understand that with my consent, the video that I create as part of the **Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire** project will be shared publicly as part of the New Hampshire Division of Public Health and New Hampshire HIV Planning Group's work, and I am willing and able to produce a story that others can view. I am also committed to working with HPG as a volunteer to use the Project's stories to promote HIV awareness and education.

**Please circle your answer:**      **YES**      **NO**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Storytelling Project Focus:**

Individuals who participate in the **Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire** project will tell personal stories about how HIV impacts their lives. To ensure **Etched from Granite** digital storytelling workshop experience is personal, participants will use the "I" voice, rather than telling stories "about" other people. Participants' stories can focus on topics like:

- living with HIV – successes, challenges, stigma/discrimination, hopes, fears
- being a family member of someone living with HIV
- experiences with HIV screening or treatment
- HIV prevention

*Please note, these are just examples. Specific story topics will be developed during the workshop!*

1. Please use the space below to briefly describe the story that you would like to tell. Feel free to use another piece of paper if needed. Please write in your own “I” voice!
  
2. Have you talked to anyone about the specific story you’d like to share, or is this the first time you’ll be talking about it?
  
3. If this is your first time talking about this story, what do you think it will be like for you to share the story with a group of people all telling their own stories about their HIV experiences?
  
4. What kind of emotional support do you currently have in your life? Do you feel like you’ll have good support, during and after the workshop? If not, what kind of support would be helpful?
  
5. What additional support (language interpretation, assistive computer devices, etc.) would be helpful to you during the workshop?
  
6. In order to support you as fully as possible during the project, please indicate your familiarity with (please circle your choice):

**Taking/Editing Digital Photos:**

- I know nothing
- I know almost nothing
- I can get around fairly easily
- I’m really comfortable
- I know a lot

**Editing Video on a Computer:**

- I know nothing
- I know almost nothing
- I can get around fairly easily
- I’m really comfortable
- I know a lot

In what language would you prefer to tell your story?

English

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your interest! We will let you know the status of your participation soon.**