



New Hampshire HIV Planning Group

Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in NH **Version 2.0** **Information Packet for Storytellers**

What is This Project?

In 2017, the [NH HIV Planning Group](#) (HPG) collaborated with [StoryCenter](#) on a multimedia storytelling, education, and leadership development project: ***Etched from Granite: Digital Stories of HIV in New Hampshire***. ***Etched from Granite*** consist of six stories that premiered on November 20, 2017 in Concord, NH. Since then, staff from the NH Division of Public Health Services have received training on digital storytelling and would like to add additional stories to the ***Etched from Granite*** project. You can watch the original six stories [here](#).

What is a Digital Storytelling Workshop?

StoryCenter's "Digital Storytelling Workshop" brings a group of 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.

This three day digital storytelling workshop will be held in Concord NH on November 6-8 (Tues-Thurs) from 2pm – 6 pm each day. You must be able to attend all three days of the workshop.

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 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

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 stories@dhhs.nh.gov.

Thank you for your interest!

ETCHED FROM GRANITE: Digital Stories of HIV in NH
Participant Information Form

Instructions: This form is a way for us to keep track of everyone who is interested in part two of 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. Because the Project is limited to five 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 October 12, 2018 to stories@dhhhs.nh.gov. If you need assistance completing this form, please contact Sarah at sarah.mcphee@dhhs.nh.gov.

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
- being an HIV provider

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.