

Hello and welcome to APPG on HIV/AIDS Summer Newsletter. You can contact the Policy Advisor Susie Pelly on pellys@parliament.uk. Enjoy the rest of the sunshine!



APPG visits Vietnam with the Global Fund



Photo: Members of the delegation pictured at the National Lung Hospital in Hanoi

From 3rd to 7th July members of the APPG on HIV/AIDS, including the chair, Mike Freer MP and Graham Jones MP accompanied Kate Osmor MP (Shadow Secretary of State for International Development) and David MacKintosh MP, member of the APPG on Malaria in a delegation to Vietnam to visit Global Fund projects. The group also included a delegation of MPs from Canada. The Parliamentarians visited a number of different sites in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Tay Ninh Province.

TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS APPGs host a joint reception for the Global Fund



As replenishment of the Global Fund draws nearer the APPG has been working hard to increase awareness amongst Parliamentarians of the important work the Global Fund does. On 12th July the HIV/AIDS APPG joined with APPGs on TB and Malaria to host a reception with special guest speaker Annie Lennox. The event was a great

opportunity to get the important message across that the UK needs to increase its contribution to the Global Fund.

Young advocates living with HIV come to Parliament to meet with the APPG

On 29th June, young advocates living with HIV came to Parliament to meet with APPG members and discuss their views, concerns and experiences of how HIV impacts on their lives – whether that be in school, university or in the health system. Members of the APPG found the meeting extremely useful.

APPG holds 4 oral evidence sessions for the inquiry into the Health and Social Care Act

Throughout May and June, the APPG held 4 oral evidence sessions as part of the inquiry into the Health and Social Care Act. We received representations from all of the key HIV third sector organisations, local authorities, public health authorities in Wales, Scotland and Manchester, as well HIV clinicians. We will be reporting findings after the summer recess.

NAT win their legal case against NHSE

After months of campaigning from civil society organisations and APPG members the High Court ruled in favour of National AIDS Trust in their legal battle against NHS England to provide PrEP on the NHS. The court ruled that NHSE is legally able to provide the drug should they decide to do so. The battle is not over however as NHSE are appealing the ruling. The APPG will continue to keep the pressure on at the Department of Health to ensure that the conflict is resolved as quickly as possible.

What's coming up next?

THT parliamentary sex education session for parliamentarians in September, APPG report launch and a debate on R&D. Keep an eye on your emails for upcoming events.