



HIV Collective – Q2 newsletter

July 2022

HIV Age Positively was set up in 2018 with the aim of supporting the HIV community to address challenges facing people as they begin to age with HIV. Since 2018, we have held *HIV Age Positively* conferences and welcomed many of you to various community events. We would like to thank you for your continued engagement with this programme and the valuable work we achieved together.

In 2020, the *HIV Collective* was created as an arm of the *HIV Age Positively* programme, funded by Gilead Sciences, to support the more immediate needs of patient organisations as they adapted to care for people living with HIV through the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, in 2022, we can see how the pandemic has changed many aspects of our work, including how services are provided for people living with HIV, and many of these changes are here to stay. It is vital that as an organisation Gilead are listening to how these changes are affecting you as organisations, and the people that you support, and evolving our approaches accordingly.

While we want to continue to support people to live and age well with HIV, this can only be achieved by acknowledging the new and emerging challenges facing people today. In response to this, *HIV Age Positively* is evolving to becoming the *HIV Collective*, a programme designed to facilitate collaboration within the HIV community, so together we can navigate new challenges and strive to reach community targets that can ultimately support people living with, or at risk of, HIV.

We look forward to continuing our work with you through this new initiative.

Best regards,

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