



# hiv DANMARK

Hiv-Danmark is a national organization for all people living with HIV (PLHIV) and those affected by HIV in Denmark, irrespective of gender, sexuality or ethnicity.

Hiv-Danmark is run by a board of people affected by HIV. The chairman is always a PLHIV.

Hiv-Danmark is an umbrella organization for individuals, selfhelp groups and other societies for PLHIV as well as groups of patients attached to HIV wards at hospitals.

The objectives of Hiv-Danmark are to

- empower individual PLHIV
- motivate to an active social life,
- strengthen and to open the social life of individual PLHIV,
- fight prejudice, and work for disclosure in a safe environment and through knowledge,
- secure and advocate the rights of PLHIV,
- prevent discrimination,
- prevent spread of the disease,
- exchange experiences between PLHIV their respective organisations, and to inform about each other's work in this field.

## TO INVOLVE MEANS

- educating PLHIV on treatment, employment issues, sexual health etc.,
- reaching out to immigrant PLHIV, ensuring same level of information,
- researching and surveying the quality of life of PLHIV,
- campaigning to fight discrimination.

## STATISTICS

Hiv-Danmark currently employs 3 people (approx. 2 full time positions) and approx. 40 are volunteers. Hiv-Danmark is engaged in counseling, prevention, drop in places, advocacy and information.

The budget for 2013 is approx. 0.3 mil. USD. We are privately funded. Our funds are raised through collaboration with regional and local authorities, or raised through fundraising, donations, membership fee or other income.



## HISTORY

Hiv-Danmark was founded in 1991 by seven different PLHIV organizations offering counseling services. Shortly afterwards a drop in café (Kafe Knud) was opened in Copenhagen.

In 1993 counseling was extended to the rest of Denmark and in 1994 the first newsletter appeared. In 1995 Hiv-Danmark received public grants and in 1998 the first project for ethnic minorities with HIV was launched.

In 2001 we launched our website [www.hiv-danmark.dk](http://www.hiv-danmark.dk). Since 2003 we have worked with social science projects reaching out to migrant PLHIV, from 2005 research in the living conditions and quality of life for people with HIV and lately we research into why some PLHIV present very late with HIV.

January 2012 the counseling service was handed over to the AIDS-Fondet. Hiv-Danmark no longer receives fixed public grants but works on projects in collaboration with national, regional and local authorities.

## ORGANIZATION

### PATIENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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## ACTIVITIES

With cafes or meeting points in the three major cities of Denmark PLHIV can meet other PLHIV to socialize. Hiv-Danmark runs a cafe in Copenhagen, AIDS-Fondet in Aarhus, and Sex og Sundhed run one in Odense.

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### KAFE KNUD

Skindergade 21. 1159 Copenhagen K  
Tuesday and Thursday 4-10 pm  
[kafeknuds@gmail.dk](mailto:kafeknuds@gmail.dk)

### CAFÉ LONE

Østergade 9, 4. 8000 Aarhus. E-mail  
[cafeloneaarhus@gmail.com](mailto:cafeloneaarhus@gmail.com)

### MEETING POINT

Jernbanegade 16. 5000 Odense  
E-mail [sg@sexogsundhed.dk](mailto:sg@sexogsundhed.dk)

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### HIV-FORUM

Once a year PLHIV meet for a long weekend to socialize, network and educate themselves.

## SELF HELP GROUPS

PLHIV find support in each other's company sharing stories and experience. Hiv-Danmark gives financial support and can provide facilities.

## PLHIV MENTORS

Establishing contact between PLHIV, helping PLHIV to create a network within the HIV community.

## RESEARCH

### QUALITY OF LIFE

A follow-up survey on the 2007 survey among PLHIV in Denmark about living conditions, and quality of life: [www.levekaar.dk](http://www.levekaar.dk)

### AGE AND FRAILTY

A survey about age and self perceived frailty.

### LATE TESTERS

A survey conducted 2009 to learn about the barriers to delayed testing.

# NORTHERN EUROPE



## DENMARK 2014

5.6 mil. inhabitants, 10% migrant population. Estimated 5.500-6.000 people live with HIV in Denmark. Approx. 500-1.000 not diagnosed.



## TESTED POSITIVE 2004-2013

Men	1.927	74%
Women	693	26%
MSM	1.181	45%
Heterosexual	1.175	45%
IDU	143	5%
MTCT	35	1%
Other/Not known	85	3%
Total	2.620	

## THE DANISH STRATEGY

Resolution passed by the Danish Parliament March 1987 reaffirmed 1997: "... the means against AIDS are based on the principles of voluntary participation, anonymity, open, direct, and honest information, confidence in the authorities, and the wish to avoid any kind of discrimination."

## CURRENT DANISH POLICY

- No compulsory HIV disclosure
- Penal code § 252 for reckless HIV exposure (currently suspended)

## TREATMENT

- Free of charge
- Ten centre (Copenhagen, Hvidovre, Hillerød, Herlev, Roskilde, Odense, Skejby, Aalborg, Herning & Kolding)

## IDU

- Approx. 10% of all PLHIV
- Clean Needle Program
- Self clean methods in prisons
- Integrated care
- Drug Consumption Rooms

## MIGRANT

From 2003 Hiv-Danmark has been engaged in migrant issues, securing the same level of counseling and information

## OTHER ISSUES

- Workplaces
- Dentist
- Insurances
- Fertility. Sperm washing, in vitro treatment
- Travel restrictions

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## CONCEPT & LAYOUT

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