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## So who are “we”?

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**Alexander Pastoors** (\*1967, Heroldsberg, Germany)



I was chair of the National Dutch Organisation of people living with HIV (Hiv Vereniging) from 2013 till 2017 out of this function I am a member of the Coordinating Committee of the AIDS2018 conference. Since 2017 I am a board member of ICASO (International Council of AIDS Service Organizations).

Since 2007 I am an AIDS activist and work voluntarily for the Poz&Proud group in the Netherlands to overcome stigma and self stigma of gay men living with HIV.

I live since 2002 with HIV and I am happy to overcome successfully a co-infection with Heb C. I studied architecture and I am currently working for the Royal Institute of Dutch Architects in Amsterdam. I have my apartment in Rotterdam and share my live with a man, some lovers and two cats.

**Hans Verhoeven** (\*1964, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)



Since the early 1980's I have been active in the Amsterdam LGBT community and took the initiative to set up various organizations, such as the Roze Wester, GALA and the Homogroep Buitenveldert and organized events such as '10 Commandments for a vibrant gay Amsterdam', 'Pink Christmas', 'Leather Pride' and 'Roze Wester Festival'.

To various organizations I donate my time and energy including Pride Amsterdam. With activists from London and Berlin I took the initiative for Europride, which I, together with hundreds of other volunteers, organized in Amsterdam, after London and Berlin, in 1994. This initiative later grew into EPOA, The European Pride Organizers Association. Being a member of the council for Buitenvelder from 1987 to 1998 i made GLBT politics an important issue.

As a gay entrepreneur I run two stores in the Spuistraat ('Gays & Gadgets' and 'Underground fetish') and a gay communication agency.

It is a great honor to contribute to the organization of the AIDS activists demonstration.

**Alexander Stukenberg** (\*1968, Bad Harzburg, Germany)



I am currently working for North Star Alliance, a young non for profit organisation with the mission to provide quality healthcare to mobile workers and the communities they interact with. North Star's purpose in the beginning was to ensure that truck drivers in Africa have the access to HIV testing and treatment to stop the spread of HIV.

I studied logistics and was asked in 2006 to join the Corporate Social Responsibility team of TNT Express in the Netherlands.

In 2006 I got diagnosed with having HIV - I decided to keep everything for myself and avoided any new contacts. In October 2015 I met Bas (my now partner), who helped me to overcome self discrimination as well self stigma. With Bas I am proudly and happily taking part in the PARTNERS II - a large international study looking at the risk of HIV transmission when viral load is undetectable on HIV

treatment (ART).