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## **PLAY & PLEASURE**

Sex Positive and Peer-Driven
Approach to Sex Education for
Men Who Have Sex With Men



#### **FUNDING & RESOURCES**



MAC AIDS Fund

AIDS Action Council of the ACT



#### **PROPOSAL**



Sex Education for MSM

Sex-Positive Content

Peer-Lead & Peer-Focussed

New Safe Sex Strategies – PrEP & UVL



#### **SEX POSITIVITY**



Sex is an important & positive part of who you are.

Making confident informed decisions about what you want in your sex life.



#### **SEX POSITIVITY**



Embrace healthy attitudes toward sex
Value wants and needs – self and partners
Communicate clearly and listen intently
Consent and respect
Keeping self and partners safe
Actively improve sex skills
Reduce the experience of shame



#### **COMMUNITY FORUM**



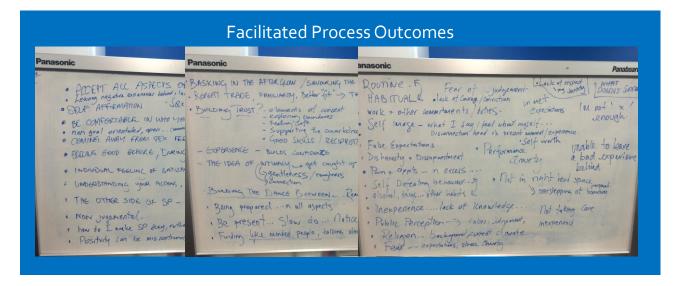
Our community of MSM: "Canberra is Different"

What do want you to learn about?
What supports your positive sex life?
What undermines your positive sex life?



#### **COMMUNITY FORUM**







#### **THEMES**



Building Positive Attitudes
Communication for Sex
Safe Sex Skills
Negotiating Relationships
Online Pleasure
Porn & Toys
Kink, Fetish & Creativity



### **CHAMPIONS**



Local faces to the campaign Models for posters and media Messages for media promotion



## **CHAMPIONS**







#### **PLAY**







#### **LAUNCH**



#### MULTI – STRATEGY APPROACH

- Engage Local Community
- Introduce Champions
- Unveil Posters & Messages
- Launch Workshop Themes & Dates
- Generate Social Media Content
- Embody Ideals of Play & Pleasure







#### **WORKSHOPS**



#### **FORMAT**

Maximum Access + Minimum Commitment
Free
Weeknight / Fortnightly
2-3 Hours including dinner



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#### **OVER - ARCHING THEMES**

"Feeling good before, during and after sex"

"Let's talk about the sex you want"

"Don't yuck my yum"



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#### **EVALUATION**



Key areas of learning – participant feedback:

- Improved skills in negotiating safe sex
- Improved communication skills
- Improved understanding of consent
- Insight into healthy uses of porn
- Insight into relationship expectations
- Value the perspective of others



#### LESSONS LEARNT



- Canberra really is different
- Seasons matter
- Word of mouth is powerful
- Make use of community networks
- Keep Champions engaged
- · Listen to what the community wants



#### **LESSONS LEARNT**



- Act on feedback
- Don't shy away from difficult topics
- Kink & Fetish are popular
- Porn & Toys are REALLY popular!
- You can go a long way with clothes on!



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