



Remaides, a novel, community-based, press experience

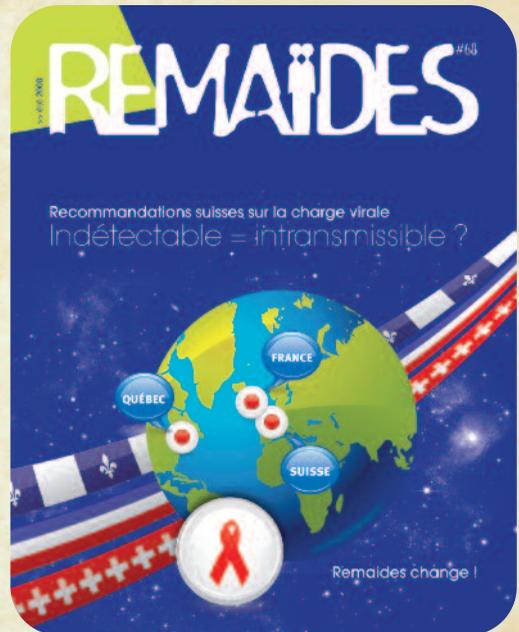
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History

AIDES was set up in 1984 and is today one of the major community-based organisations fighting against HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis in France and Europe.

In 1990, AIDES launched Remaides a news-sheet giving free medical information which has gone on to become a full-sized magazine, offering therapeutic information and testimonials of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Remaides is a quarterly magazine published in French, distributed in 77 countries with a circulation of 44,000 copies. In July 2008, Remaides launched a new version of the magazine, in partnership with three HIV/AIDS NGOs: the coalition of community-based HIV/AIDS organisations in Québec, the Groupe Sida Genève (Switzerland) and the network of African and Caribbean HIV/AIDS organisations (France). This new version will be released in three editions: Remaides France, Remaides Québec and Remaides Switzerland.



A realisation

The last few years have shown the significance that an international commitment would do to strengthen solidarity and exchange of experience between infected people. Organisations from various countries will in turn enhance mobilisation of the infected people themselves. This realisation has been converted into a variety of forms but oddly never in the form of a newspaper or magazine. However, we have known for a long time the significance of community-based newspapers or magazines in terms of mobilisation, proximity and service.

Offering a community-based and collectively produced magazine was the challenge our organisations set themselves.

mobilisation without losing sight of the proximity which is essential in a community-based publication.

Perspectives

The international development of this historical magazine will strengthen the exchange of experiences, the visibility and the place of people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Hepatitis in the society and in our countries. This edition can be adapted, to open up to other partners.

An objective

Remaides has always maintained its primary motive: to offer medical, legal and social information to people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Hepatitis, helping them to sustain, strengthen or improve their health, quality of life and their rights.

It also aims to encourage the mobilisation of infected people with the prospect of societal alteration. It is unacceptable to resign ourselves to the deficiencies in our social welfare systems. On the contrary we must reinforce our capacities to act for ourselves and for others so that these malfunctions may cease.

A method

Remaides is written by the entire group of partners, based on the needs and expectations expressed by its readers. The editorial staff (one for each partner) made up of volunteers, infected people etc, produce the magazine according to the requests of their readers or recent news items. The magazine has a joint editorial section included in each edition. The three editions all present a specific supplement according to the country of distribution. It's a matter of sharing, exchanging and international

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AIDES, a French NGO

Set up in 1984, AIDES is the largest HIV/AIDS community-based organisation in France, with centres in over 70 cities. We support partner organisations in Central and Eastern Europe, North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa.

Our main goals:

- To inform vulnerable people about HIV/AIDS prevention and testing
- To support PLWHAs, (social & professional integration, therapeutic education)
- To advocate for the rights of PLWHAs.



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