

# **SHARE Research Collaborative**

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## **Why we need to focus on Health Equity**

**An East London Community Perspective**

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## Presentation Outline

- Background
- Issues that affect Us – Why Focus on Health Equity
- Leaving no one behind

## Background - Personal

- Citizen of Hackney - Dalston
- Living with HIV long term & experience of accessing healthcare in East London
- Personal experience of being a clinical trial participant – [PIVOT](#)
- Advocate for the **Meaningful Involvement & Engagement** of Women Living with HIV in Research – Equal & Reciprocal partnership.

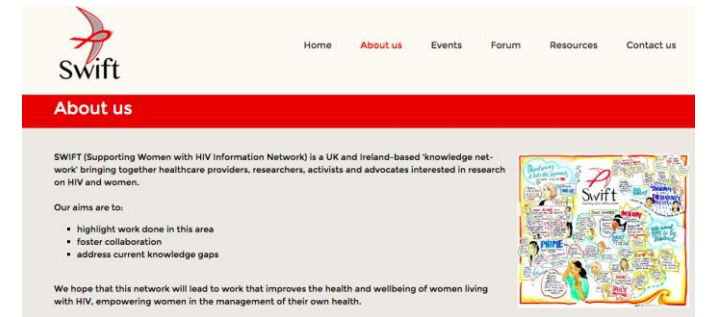


[Hackney Peace Carnival Mural](#) in Dalston

## Why we need to focus on Health Equity: An East London Community Perspective

### Background - Professional

- Founder Member of [4M Network of Mentor Mothers](#)  
Migrant led Perinatal Peer Mentoring Project working with women living with HIV – to support peers & for their own development
- Steering Group Member of [SWIFT](#)  
Promoting Research to improve the lives of women living with HIV
- Member of Study Group for [NOURISH-UK Study](#)  
Investigating Infant-Feeding decisions among new mothers, pregnant & birthing parents living with HIV.



# Why focus on Health Equity?

**Because it's vital & it makes sense.**

## Some of the Issues that affect Us

- Late diagnosis
- Fear & Stigma; disengagement from care & issues with adherence
- Exclusion and under representation which leads to...
- Lack of involvement in & setting the research agenda

## Important to:

- Recognize & acknowledge
- Involve communities directly affected to inform research
- Better address our needs and therefore reduce inequality



Photograph from [Ridley Road Stories Exhibition](#)

## Why we need to focus on Health Equity: An East London Community Perspective

It's wonderful to know that **SHARE** is...



- **Leaving no one behind** by meaningfully involving us in the planned research to ensure that the right questions are asked, that the research is about & with us, and that it will in turn, benefit us all (Patients, Researchers & Community)
- Going to **link the strands** that are needed **to address** the factors that contribute to health inequality
- Going to endeavour to ensure that we **citizens of East London have equitable** access to services and achieve better long term health outcomes



Photo: **Women living with HIV who've been Meaningfully Involved & Engaged in research**