



EDWARD KING ARCHIVE

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Name of Creator: King, Edward (fl 1986-2003) activist and HIV educator

Extent: 6 Boxes

Administrative/Biographical History: Edward King became involved in the community response to HIV while a student as a volunteer for OxAIDS in the late 1980s, and was the support worker for the 1989 'Promoting Our Health' LGBT health conference in Oxford. In 1990 he was hired as the Terrence Higgins Trust's first dedicated gay men's health education officer, and with a committed group of volunteers (including long-term THT volunteers Peter Scott and Simon Watney) he oversaw the development of initiatives including the Tales of Gay Sex photo stories and Pride Video's VHS 'The Gay Man's Guide to Safer Sex' and its follow-up 'Getting It Right: Safer Sex and Young Gay Men'. He participated in the Health Education Authority's gay men's advisory group, which resigned en masse in protest over the direction of the HEA's work. In 1992 he was among a group of gay men led by Peter Scott (founder of Gay Men Fighting AIDS/GMFA) to campaign and educate in response to the inadequate resourcing allocated to safer sex for gay men in the UK, serving on its board and working with its publicity group.

Throughout the 1990s King wrote widely on HIV, including the Positive Feedback column and other writings for the weekly Pink Paper from 1989 until 2003, and numerous articles on HIV treatment issues for the gay press and HIV groups such as Body Positive and Positive Times. In 1993 his book 'Safety In Numbers' was published by Cassell (UK) and Routledge (US), documenting the early epidemiology of HIV in the UK, Europe and the US; the history of safer sex education for gay men; and the 'degaying' of HIV and the need for 'regaying'. In 1996, Cassell also published the slim book 'Rubber Up! Every Gay Man's Guide to Condoms', coauthored with Chris Markham.

In 1992 King left THT to work as National AIDS Manual Publications (now NAM/aidsmap)'s treatment editor, launching the UK's first monthly treatment newsletter for people living with HIV (AIDS Treatment Update) and managing other projects including a reference volume on HIV treatments and clinical trials. During this decade he gave many talks about HIV prevention and HIV treatment for groups involved in the response to the epidemic around the UK and internationally. From the mid-1990s King posted many of his writings on a self-built website, Edward King's AIDS Pages.

In 1998 he left NAM to manage the development of online and live educational courses on infectious diseases for healthcare professionals for the US-based Clinical Care Options, where he still works today (as at 2022).

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Edward King, 12 January 2022.

Scope and Content: Archive of Edward King, including reports, scientific papers, press cuttings, meeting minutes, videos regarding HIV/AIDS and the

Gay Men's Advisory Group to the Health Education Authority, Gay Men Fighting AIDS, London Lighthouse and Terrence Higgins Trust. Also research material for Edward King's book 'Safety in Numbers', [1986-2003]

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No further arrangement required.

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Reports on HIV

1990-2000

Assorted reports on HIV: needs assessments, annual reports, project evaluations, etc. from the UK and internationally, [1990-2000]

Includes:

- report, 'Into the Mainstream? The implications for HIV services of greater integration with sexual and other health services in the UK' (National AIDS Trust, December 2000)
- 'Tales of Gay Sex: an evaluation of safer sex materials for gay men on the commercial scene' (Project Sigma, April 1994)
- 'Monitoring the Spread and Impact of HIV Infection in Scotland, 1982-1991' (AIDS Scotland, 1992)
- 'AIDS Education Resource and HIV Simulation Game' (2nd edn; Daniels Publishing, 1992)
- 'When You Say Yes' (Victorian AIDS Council [Australia], 1992)
- Le Journal du SIDA no. 38-39 (April-May 1992) [in French]
- Terrence Higgins Trust Annual Report 1991
- The Gay Men's Sex Survey at Pride '93' (Project Sigma, July 1993)
- 'Condom Availability for Gay Men in Gay Venues in Camden and Islington' (Camden & Islington Health Promotion Service, September 1993)
- 'HIV & AIDS: An assessment of current and future spread in the UK' (UK Health Departments/Health Education Authority, April 1990)
- 'Local Needs Assessment for Gay Men in Oxfordshire' (Department of Health/Oxfordshire Health Authority, 1993)

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Peter Scott papers

1992-1993

Draft and final papers by Peter Scott, founder of the National AIDS Manual and Gay Men Fighting AIDS (GMFA), [1992-1993]

Includes:

- notes of a meeting regarding gay men's needs assessment (22 September 1993)
- Needs Assessment (first draft)
- 'Beginning HIV Prevention Work with Gay and Bisexual Men'

- draft document, 'Why official HIV/AIDS health education isn't working'

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Minnesota

1997

Documents related to a visit Edward King made to Minnesota in order to contribute to their efforts to start a conversation on the need to refocus HIV prevention efforts on gay and bisexual men. Includes press cuttings, memos, flyers, leaflets, correspondence, [1997]

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Gay Men's Advisory Group to the HEA

1991-1992

Minutes, correspondence and reports regarding the Gay Men's Advisory Group to the Health Education Authority. Due to the HEA's lack of response to their advice, the Group members would go on to resign en masse, [1991-1992]

Includes:

- Report on Proposed Advertising
- comments on proposed advertisement materials
- correspondence between Peter Scott and the HEA regarding 'Concerns about Fact Cards'

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'Changes in Sexual Behavior' draft report

1987

Draft report, 'Changes in Sexual Behavior Among Gay and Bisexual Men Since the Beginning of the AIDS Epidemic' (Thomas J Coates, Ron D Stall, Colleen C Hoff, Division of General Internal Medicine and Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, University of California, San Francisco (34pp) [1987]

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'Getting It Right' video

1993

Press cuttings, correspondence, flyers, notes, draft script and other materials related to the development of the video 'Getting It Right: Safer Sex for Young Gay Men', produced by Pride Videos and written by Edward King and Simon Watney. The video was a follow-up to

the 'Gay Man's Guide to Safer Sex' (1992) for which King provided the information on HIV, having worked at The Terrence Higgins Trust in the early 1990s, [1993]

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EKING/7 Gay Men Fighting AIDS (GMFA) 1993-1994

Documents from the early days of Gay Men Fighting AIDS: discussion papers, documents related to the design and funding of the Stop AIDS London project (led by GMFA in the early 1990s); development of GMFA's safer sex materials. Includes stickers, flyers, postcards, photocopies of the 'Sex Tips' series (12pp), Stop AIDS London report (4pp); minutes of meetings of Stop AIDS London Steering Group; minutes of meetings of GMFA Directors' and Coordinating Committee; press releases; [1993-1994]

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EKING/8 Lighthouse News and other press 1987-1993

London Lighthouse News, gay press articles on HIV and THT, [1987-1993]

Includes:

- Lighthouse News (June 1993)
- Lighthouse News (March 1993)
- A Survey on AIDS and HIV Prevention (SAGO: Surrey and South West London Gay Organisations, May 1987)
- 'T.H.T.: The Next Five Years' (Square Peg no. 22, December 1988)
- flyer, 'Have You Failed the AIDS Test? How You Can Help' (London Lighthouse)
- text of Vito Russo speech at Albany [New York] AIDS Rally (08 May 1988)
- slide presentation text 'THT's work with gay men - a historical review' (November 1992)

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EKING/9 HIV and Activism in the U.S. press 1993-1994

Photocopied press cuttings on HIV and activism from the U.S. gay press, [1993-1994]

Includes:

- 'Welcome to NY', Stonewall 25 (June 1994)

- 'The Red Plague: do red ribbons really help in the fight against AIDS?' (The Advocate, September 1993)

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	Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': Oral sex – risks of HIV transmission – scientific papers, community press debates, safer sex leaflets, transparencies for a talk given to community groups, advice to the Pink Paper on how to cover a specific controversy, [1991-1996] OPEN	
EKING/11	HIV and Women	1991-1993
	Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding Women and HIV, [1991-1993] OPEN	
EKING/12	HIV Risk and Safer Sex Education for Younger Gay Men	1992-1993
	Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': HIV risk and safer sex education for younger gay men, including correspondence with HIM magazine in response to an article by Mark Simpson which Edward King found misleading, [1992-1993] OPEN	
EKING/13	'Relapsing' into Unsafe Sex	1990-1993
	Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings, minutes, poster, publications, statistics on the early 1990s idea that gay men were 'relapsing' into unsafe sex, [1990-1993] OPEN	
EKING/14	Getting Tested	1987-1991
	Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding early advice to gay men on whether or not to get tested for HIV, [1987-1991]	

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EKING/15 Safer Sex and HIV Infection Rates 1984-1992

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings from the UK and U.S. regarding safer sex; early studies regarding HIV infection rates, [1984-1992]

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EKING/16 Homophobia 1989-1992

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding homophobia, [1989-1992]

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EKING/17 'The Heterosexual Epidemic' 1989-1996

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding the extent to which HIV was or was not becoming a 'heterosexual epidemic', [1989-1996]

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EKING/18 Peer Norms 1986-1990

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding the role of peer norms in supporting uptake and maintenance of safer sex, [1986-1990]

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EKING/19 Relationships 1991-1992

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings regarding HIV in the context of relationships, [1991-1992]

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EKING/20 Explicit Safer Sex campaigns 1987-1993

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings and reports regarding sexually explicit safer sex education for gay men and the impact of obscenity laws, [1987-1993]

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EKING/21 'Re-Gaying AIDS' 1991-1993

Source material used for King's 1993 book 'Safety in Numbers': press cuttings, correspondence, reports, speech transcripts, regarding 're-gaying AIDS' – that is, attempts to ensure that resources were targeted at areas of greatest need, [1991-1993]

Includes:

- correspondence and flyer regarding A Workers' Forum organised by HIV Prevention with Gay and Bisexual Men, at which Edward King was one of the speakers (06 October 1993)
- press cutting, 'High risk of bigotry' by Simon Ash (Socialist Review, May 1992)
- letter to the editor by Edward King (Socialist Review, June 1992)
- typescript 'Re-Gaying the Terrence Higgins Trust?' by Edward King

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EKING/22 Ephemera 1991-1993

Flyers, posters, condoms, leaflets regarding HIV and safe sex, [1990s]

Includes:

- publications produced by the Steve Retson Project
- AIDS Profiteer stickers
- AIDS Awareness trading cards
- leaflet, 'Get Ready for Action' (Scottish AIDS Monitor Gay Men's Project)
- flyers in Dutch and German
- publications produced by US organisation Gay Men's Health Crisis (GHMC), 'First in the Fight Against AIDS'

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Talks given regarding the past, present and future of HIV which preceded performances of the Malcolm Sutherland-produced stage adaptation of Oscar Moore's book 'PWA' (Drill Hall), [2001]

Includes:

- notes made by King for the 'Present' talk which he gave

- a copy of the full text of the 'Past' talk given
by Tony Whitehead
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Pink Paper articles

**c.1989-
2003**

A collection of Edward King's columns for the
weekly Pink Paper, [c.1989-2003]

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Website files

**c.1994-
2002**

HTML files for the website set up by Edward
King as an online archive of his writings,
[c.1994-2002]

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