

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION & ENGAGEMENT

Join the CRE committee

If you have a passion to make positive changes in your community, the Community Representation and Engagement (CRE) committee needs your help. The CRE Committee is led by a member of the BCPWA Society Board of Directors and is comprised of society members, volunteers and staff. All interested individuals are invited to serve on the committee; however, only members of the BCPWA Society are eligible to vote on CRE agenda items.

Practical volunteer skills:

- An interest in current events and issues affecting the PWA community
- An ability to meet deadlines and execute tasks
- Research and writing skills
- Flexibility to attend bi-weekly meetings
- Administration and/or communication skills
- An ability to work independently and as part of a team

Contact Information:

For more information or if you would like to get involved and attend a CRE committee meeting, please contact the CRE committee at [E cre@bcpwa.org](mailto:cre@bcpwa.org) or [T 604.893.2252](tel:604.893.2252). or go to www.bcpwa.org

CRE

Help advocate for the collective needs of HIV-positive British Columbians through our political action program



Do you have an issue or concern?

If you have a political action issue that should be brought to the attention the CRE committee, contact a BCPWA Society board member or discuss the issue with one of the many CRE committee members (see contact information). He or she will help determine if the issue is appropriate for discussion at an upcoming CRE committee meeting. Questions that help determine if an issue is appropriate include:

- Is the issue political or public in nature?
- Is the issue current?
- What actions need to be taken?
- How does the issue affect HIV-positive British Columbians?
- Does the CRE committee have the capacity to address the issue?

Community Representation and Engagement

The political action program is governed and directed by the BCPWA Society Community Representation and Engagement (CRE) committee.

The CRE committee meets bi-weekly to discuss and assess political, bureaucratic, medical, and scientific issues that are relevant to the PWA community on local, national, and international levels. If a situation does not reflect the needs and concerns of HIV-positive British Columbians, the CRE committee strategizes a plan of action to ensure that positive voices are represented and heard on issues that affect their health, well-being and rights.

How can you get involved?

- Attend meetings in person or by teleconference anywhere in BC
- Join a subcommittee to work on a specific issue
- Attend community meetings on behalf of the CRE committee
- Organize and participate in protests relevant to the HIV community
- Distribute leaflets and help prepare mail-outs
- Subscribe to the CRE email list and stay informed

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