

Call for Papers: *ACT UP: Thirty Years Fighting AIDS*

June 2nd, 2017 - The University of York

Deadline for abstracts: January 31st, 2017

2017 is the 30th anniversary of the founding of ACT UP, the international advocacy group fighting to end the AIDS crisis. During the AIDS crisis ACT UP played a fundamental part in the fight against AIDS, promoting a social awareness of the disease. Today, the organization continues to fight, leading educational campaigns all over the world. To coincide with the anniversary of its foundation, we invite paper reflecting upon what has changed and what has not. Along with the one-day conference there will be a screening of the movie “United in Anger: A History of ACT UP” (2012), as well as an exhibition of The ACT UP Oral History Project.

We invite papers on AIDS and its social impact, ACT UP, and the role played by similar institutions in the fight against AIDS. All disciplines are welcome: art history, literature, history, sociology, gender studies, politics, and health studies.

Possible topics to consider but are not limited to:

Public/private bodies

Sex education

Protest in the digital age

Writing about AIDS/ the Language of the AIDS crisis

Representations of AIDS

The concept of ‘post-AIDS’

‘Going Viral’

History and role of ACT UP

Please submit a 300-word abstract to conference.actup.york@gmail.com for a 15-20 minute paper or presentation by January 31st, 2017. Proposals should include the title of the paper, the presenter’s name and a short bio.