

WE PARTICIPATE IN

3rd COREMUSA Callao Assembly

Like each month, we participated in the general meeting of the Coordinadora Regional Multisectorial de Salud (COREMUSA) of Callao, in which we are members, held on Wednesday, March 9, at the site of the Dirección Regional de Salud (DIRESA) of Callao. In this third meeting, the evaluation of the commemorative activities for "Condom Day", held on February 13, was performed. In addition to this, reports on the election process of the new Board were presented. Finally, the activities carried out on the Day of the Fight Against Tuberculosis, commemorated every March 24, were described.



Tour of Heroes

On Saturday March 19 we returned to the best clubs in Lima with our popular Heroes Impacta, who spent the night dancing and celebrating with the public, while carrying important messages of prevention and care for the community: EXAMÁN, who reminds us that we must get tested for HIV periodically to take care of our health; and VACUMÁN, who brings a new alternative for HIV prevention, thanks to a new and special type of antibodies, which soon will spread around the country.

See you next month!

VI Annual Conference ASTMH

We were invited to attend the Sixth Annual Conference of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), on Tuesday March 22 at the Convention Center of Lima. The aim of this meeting was to present to the scientific community the research presented at the Philadelphia Conference in October 2015. Furthermore, the event was conducive to the more than 400 invited scientists to meet key national representatives in the field of research, where Impacta shared information about the main studies conducted, especially in the area of TB and HIV.



Parade for the Day of the Fight Against Tuberculosis – DIRESA Callao

On Wednesday, March 23, we participated in the parade for the Day of the Fight Against Tuberculosis, organized by the Dirección Regional de Salud (DIRESA) of Callao. During our participation, we toured the main streets and avenues in the district of Callao, carrying messages of prevention, care and non-discrimination to all participants and bystanders, in relation to tuberculosis which is the main cause of death in our country.



Parade for the Day of the Fight Against Tuberculosis – Red Lima

Also, the Lima Network organized its parade for the Day of the Fight Against Tuberculosis, on Wednesday, March 23, an event in which we were cordially invited. On this occasion, we shared messages of awareness and prevention of tuberculosis in the main streets of downtown Lima, beside the major health entities belonging to the network and working to fight TB in the capital.



Confraternity Dinner

On Thursday, March 31, we had the pleasant opportunity to share a Confraternity Dinner, where workers from the Asociación Civil Impacta, the Asociación Vía Libre and the Centro Comunitario Epicentro participate. The dinner was held in recognition of the hard work being done by these three leading institutions, in a consistent and collaborative way, for the successful development of various research studies. Thanks to all who work in this effort!





WINDOW TO THE COMMUNITY

Voluntades Lima Norte: Commitment to Community

Voluntades Lima Norte represents the active presence of a group of volunteers from the gay community in the districts of northern Lima. This initiative began in 2007 as part of the emergence of LGBT Community Based Organizations (CBO) in Lima, Perú. As a young organization, we started developing our meetings in the homes of the founders, where enthusiasm, joy and desire to make changes on behalf of our community were our main engine, and that eventually became mature community objectives.

Our space provides a dynamic, direct and entertaining way to coordinate training among members. Currently, with a process of empowerment of its members, we develop lines of HIV prevention, advocacy and human rights, in addition to strategic actions for the community of people living with HIV. Empowering a community can be a first step to achieving a lot of positive changes, changes that promote a just society for our diverse community.

Open since 2013, we are the only community center in the area (district of San Martín de Porres), developing integration activities (workshops, discussions, etc.) twice a week, as well as providing psychological care, counseling, massage therapy and medical care by professional volunteers who collaborate with our institution. Volunteers are our greatest strength and we are grateful for their contribution along our path in community work.



In the beginning, our center was funded as part of a community project at a national level, together with other partner organizations, to reduce rates of HIV infection in our community. But as was anticipated, this financing was completed after the set time, and it was at this stage where the managers of Voluntades made an important decision: to move forward despite the shortage of resources and continue to drive our activities, but this time with our own tools. That was how we accepted the challenge of becoming the only self-funded LGBT Community Center of Northern Lima, thanks to the love, courage and work of its members.

Voluntades Lima Norte is no longer a community group, but a civil association formed by the sum of the creative capacities of enthusiastic volunteers, who promote the development of inclusive communities. We embrace their talents and will to join in our common cause. Find us on Facebook as Voluntades Lima Norte.

Let's continue adding support in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans Community in North Lima.

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Impact Thursday: "Gaymer Day"



Thursday Plus:
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