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The poster features a red line of stylized human figures holding hands at the top. Below this is a large oval image of the AIDS Monument in West Hollywood, with the text "NATIONAL YOUTH HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY" overlaid in red. To the right of the oval, the text reads: "IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD", followed by a smaller red line of figures, "SEXUAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR + GUIDED HISTORY TOUR", another red line of figures, "THURSDAY, APRIL 9 4 TO 6 PM WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK". At the bottom left is the text "@STORIES: THE AIDS MONUMENT" in large red letters. At the bottom right are the logos for "STORIES THE AIDS MONUMENT", "one INSTITUTE", and the City of West Hollywood logo.

**ONE INSTITUTE TO HOST INAUGURAL
NATIONAL YOUTH HIV/AIDS AWARENESS EVENT
AT STORIES: THE AIDS MONUMENT
IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

Free Programming And Resource Fair To Take Place April 9

Open To All, Including Youth, Families, And Educators

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Los Angeles, CA (March 18, 2026) — One Institute announced today that the inaugural event recognizing National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will take place Thursday, April 9, 4:00-6:00 pm, at STORIES: The AIDS Monument in West Hollywood, CA, a partnership between One Institute and the City of West Hollywood, bringing together youth, families, and educators to address ongoing HIV disparities among young people. The event will include docent tours elaborating on the creation of the monument and local histories of HIV/AIDS, as well as a resource fair of community partners sharing youth sexual health resources. RSVP here: <https://www.oneinstitute.org/april-9-2026-national-youth-hiv-aids-awareness-day/>, or tinyurl.com/NYHAAD-STORIES.

“At a time when funding for HIV/AIDS education and prevention is consistently under threat, One Institute continues to remain dedicated to providing access to resources and information for everyone, and inspiring the community – especially the younger generation – to come together to take action,” said Tony Valenzuela, Executive Director of One Institute.

National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which is held on April 10, was established in 2013 by Advocates for Youth to address the high diagnosis and low testing rates among youth. According to their reports, young people aged 13–24 accounted for 19% of new HIV diagnoses in 2022, and in 2020, only 27% of 18-24-year-olds had ever been tested. HIV disproportionately impacts Black youth, with Black women and girls aged 13-24 making up 58% of all young women newly diagnosed with HIV.

“As stewards of STORIES: The AIDS Monument, we look forward to welcoming the community to our first National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event,” said Trevor Ladner, Director of Education Programs at One Institute. “We hope that all attendees will feel connected to the past, gain a better understanding of how youth can care for themselves and their community, and feel empowered to create change for the future.”

STORIES: The AIDS Monument is located in West Hollywood Park (647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069, 1/2 block north of the West Hollywood Library), and serves as a gathering site and educational hub for HIV/AIDS in West Hollywood and beyond.

Parking is available at the [West Hollywood Park Five-Story Garage](#) at 625 N. San Vicente and can be validated for two hours at the first floor parking office.

The AIDS Monument remembers the lives lost, the survivors, and the communities and caregivers who fought tirelessly for dignity, treatment, and remembrance; celebrates those who step up when others step away; and educates future generations through lessons learned.

This event is in partnership with the City of West Hollywood.

Learn more at oneinstitute.org.

One Institute is a non-profit organization that relies on a variety of funding sources to sustain its core programming, including many members and supporters who contribute throughout the year. To join them and support important LGBTQ+ programming for current and future generations, make a gift today at oneinstitute.org/donate/.

ABOUT ONE INSTITUTE:

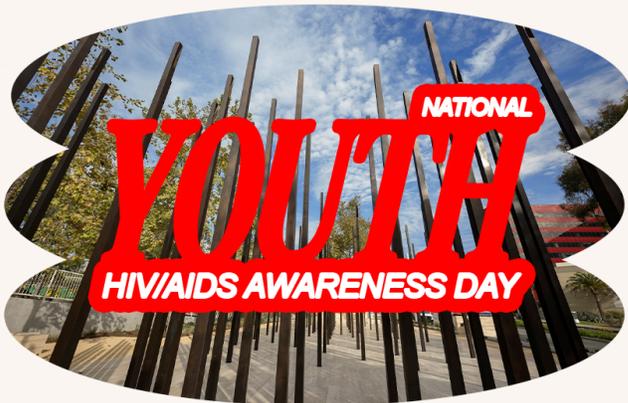
Founded in 1952, One Institute is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States. One Institute elevates queer, trans, and HIV/AIDS histories and embraces emerging stories through collaborative education, arts, and cultural programs. Through K-12 teacher trainings, lesson plans, and youth mentorship programs, One Institute empowers teachers and students to bring queer and trans history into classrooms and communities. As the independent community partner of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, we promote the largest collection of LGBTQ+ materials in the world. In 2026, One Institute became stewards of STORIES: The AIDS Monument, in partnership with the City of West Hollywood.

The curatorial and educational choices made by One Institute are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ+ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes. Learn more at oneinstitute.org, and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram [@oneinstitutela](https://www.instagram.com/oneinstitutela).

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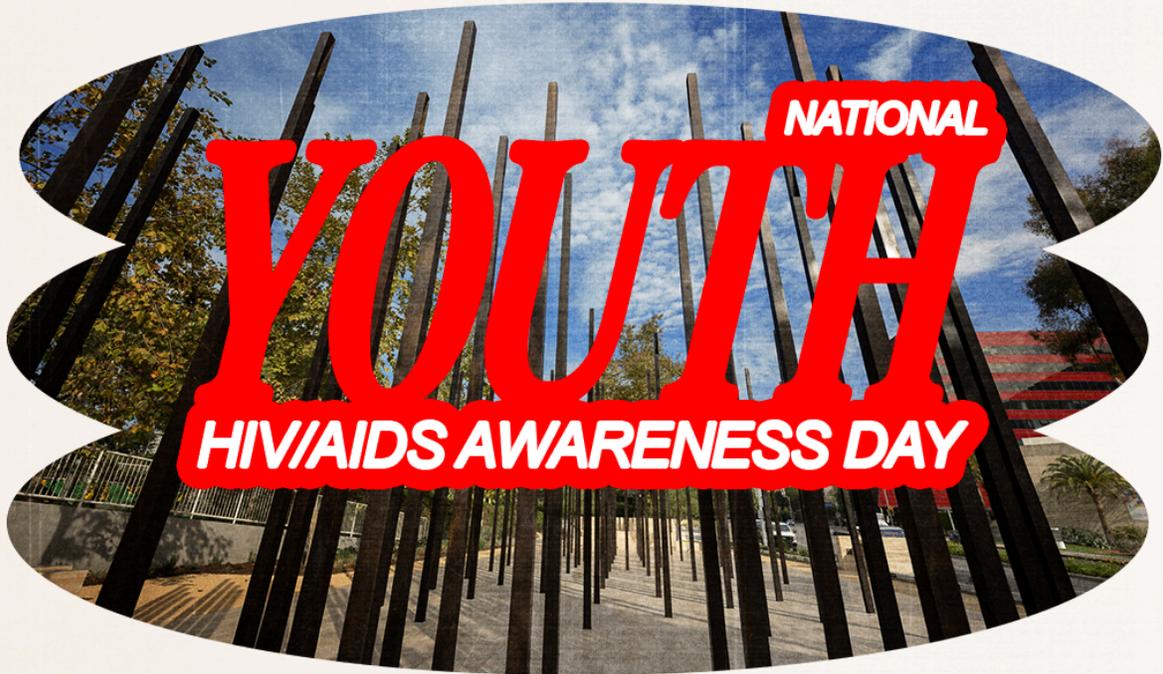
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