

Civil Society Partner

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Jessica Whitbread has been advocating for people living with HIV and those most affected for over 15 years. Jessica's passion lies in connecting and engaging local grassroots communities together and to broader social change movements. Her ongoing projects include No Pants No Problem, Tea Time, PosterVIRUS and Love Positive Women. She published *Tea Time: Mapping Informal Networks of Women Living with HIV* in 2014 and is the co-editor of *The HIV Howler: Transmitting Art and Activism*. Whitbread was the youngest and first queer woman to be elected as the Global Chair for the International Community of Women Living with HIV – ICW (2012), the founder of the first International Chapter of Young Women, Adolescents and Girls living with HIV (2010). In relation to the International AIDS Conference, Jessica represented women and girls living with HIV on the Conference Coordinating Committee for AIDS 2016 (Durban) and AIDS 2018 (Amsterdam) conference.