

ACET Christmas News 2020

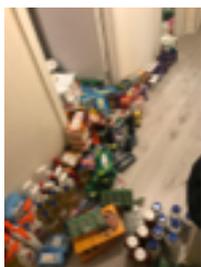
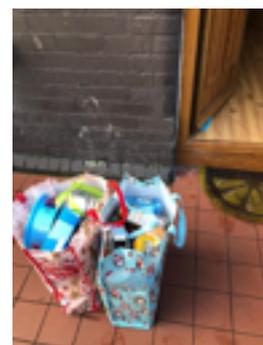


ACET (AIDS Care Education & Training) Ireland provides care for those affected by HIV, and education & training services on HIV and related issues.

Christmas Hampers, 2020-style: ACET's Christmas hampers, like so many things, had to adapt and change to meet the different needs of this season



We and our clients are blessed every year by hampers that are hand-filled and provided by individuals and groups. However, for everyone's wellbeing, this year care staff did the purchasing and assembling of each hamper — online shopping came into its own for this project!



The hampers are being delivered the first two weeks in December, so those receiving them can better plan their Christmas spending.

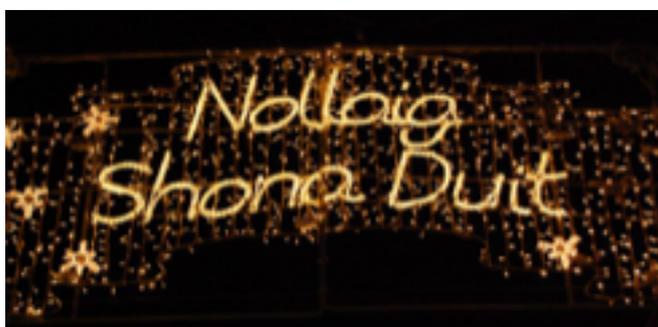
We have been blessed by the amazing response we have received from so many of you:

thank you, thank you, thank you!

Donations left over will be used to buy supermarket vouchers and basic supplies for needs coming up in the next few months.



Above and right: So much to be thankful for: deliveries of goods for hampers, some that are ready to go, and a hamper delivered.



We would like to thank each of you for your support in 2020 through kind words, generous giving, practical suggestions and solutions, and just being with us, though mostly not in person.

We wish you and those you love a gracious Christmas, and health and peace in the new year. from all of us: Richard, Terrie, Vivienne, Olivia, Hansi, Luky and Lynn

World AIDS Day 2020:

World AIDS Day 2020 has come and gone and it was, of course, a very different occasion to the usual. However, there were still (virtual) funs runs, prayer services, conferences and more among our friends and partners across Ireland and the world.

Our own highlight was a webinar featuring our Chairman



Prof. Sam McConkey, Terrie Colman Black, Richard Carson and Yvon Luky. There is over 100 years of experience between

these four members of the team and they brought the audience on a journey from the streets of Dublin, to war in Sierra Leone, to hospital wards in Kinshasa, to Covid-19 in Ireland.

For anyone who was unable to tune in to *Two Epidemics, One Century*, the recording is available on [Youtube](#).

Later in the evening Richard and Luky had the opportunity to chat with staff and students of **TU Dublin**, in particular some of the chaplaincy team and African Society leadership. A wide ranging discussion on sexual health, culture, minority ethnicity and student life was a great way to end the day.

Two epidemics, One century
Lessons learned for World AIDS Day 2020
LIVE WEBINAR - Tuesday 1st December 2020 4pm - 4:45pm GMT

Prof. Sam McConkey
ACET Chairman

Terrie Colman-Black
Co-Founder & Quilt Group Chair

Dr. Yvon Luky
Health Commissioner Grand

Richard Carson
CEO

The ACET Ireland team has over 200 years of experience responding to pandemics. For World AIDS Day we are gathering four members of that team who, between them, have over a century working directly on HIV. Together they will share reflections and experiences from many countries and contexts on what the WHO classify as the two global epidemics in the world today: Covid-19 and HIV.

To Register go to <https://cut.ly/twoepidemics>

Friends Remembering Friends

On Thursday, 25 November, we joined with members of the Rialto Community Drugs Task Force and the quilt group to commemorate the annual Friends Remembering Friends ceremony.

This year was the first time online, yet it was as moving and meaningful as ever.

Led by Tony MacCarthaigh, the memorial featured readings and shared stories of those in the community who passed away during the year. In our own homes, we each lit three candles: one to commemorate this year's Friends Remembering Friends, one for those gone this year and another for those we've been remembering much longer.

This time of reflection is the perfect pause before World AIDS Day and the Advent season.



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