Facts of Life: Youth, Sexuality & HIV

HLM 2021 Side Event

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8H00 - 9H30 EDT, Virtual
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Forty years on, HIV continues to hit young people hard. Nearly half of all new infections occur among people aged 15 to 24, and AIDS is the second leading cause of death among young people worldwide. This is a generation caught between biology and society—between curiosity, questions and concerns about their emerging sexual and reproductive selves and the controls, constraints and conditions imposed by laws, policies and community practices. The physical and emotional wellbeing of adolescents (including those living with HIV)—and their societies—depends on access to accurate, age-appropriate sexual and reproductive information and services, allowing them to avoid unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion; STIs (including HIV/AIDS); and all forms of sexual violence and coercion. But in many parts of the world, youth sexuality remains highly controversial, and such services and information are still out of reach.

Be a part of a lively debate between young people, government representatives and experts on what’s working, what isn’t and why in securing young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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