



GMSH SYMPOSIUM 2016 REPORT

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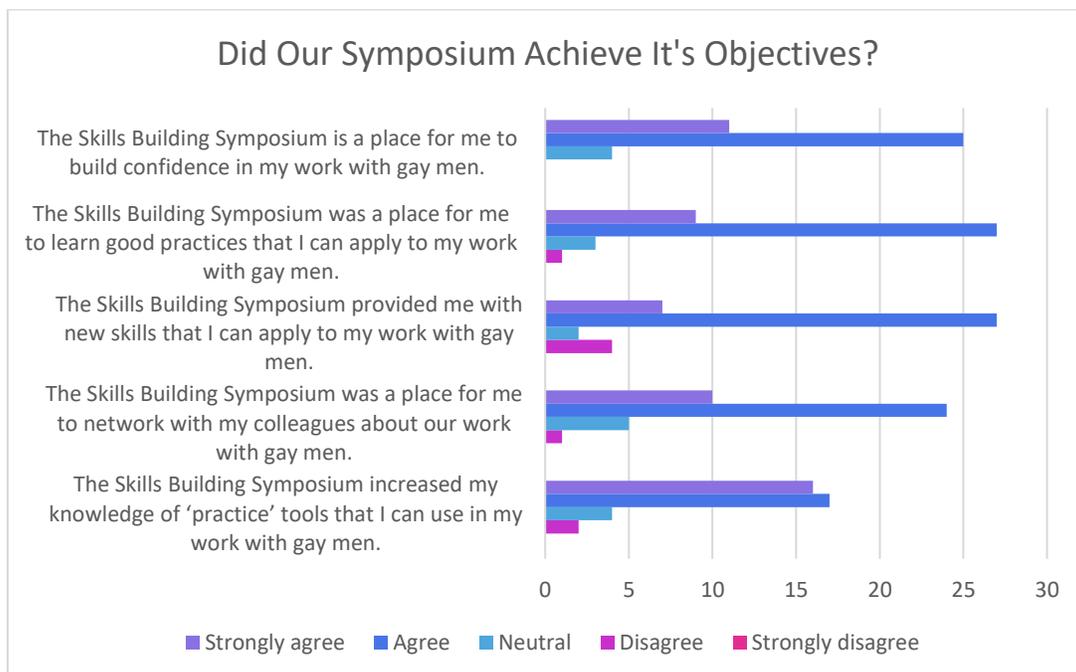
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On October 20-21, 2016 the GMSH held its annual Skills Building Symposium. This event brings together, frontline workers from AIDS Service Organizations, their managers, their directors, and other staff who work closely with gay men. We also bring together researchers, policymakers, and Public Health officials to further enrich content and discussion on gay men's sexual health.

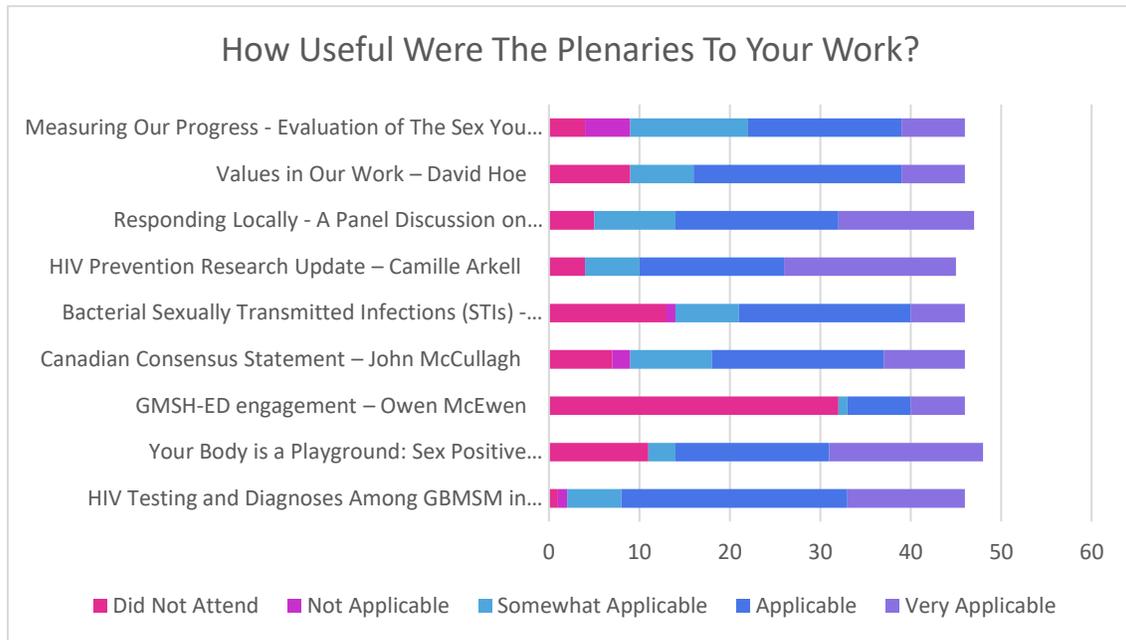
This year's Symposium focused on getting our membership prepared for the launch of our sexual health campaign/website *The Sex You Want*. The website has been developed with extensive consultation and we expect to launch the site late 2017!

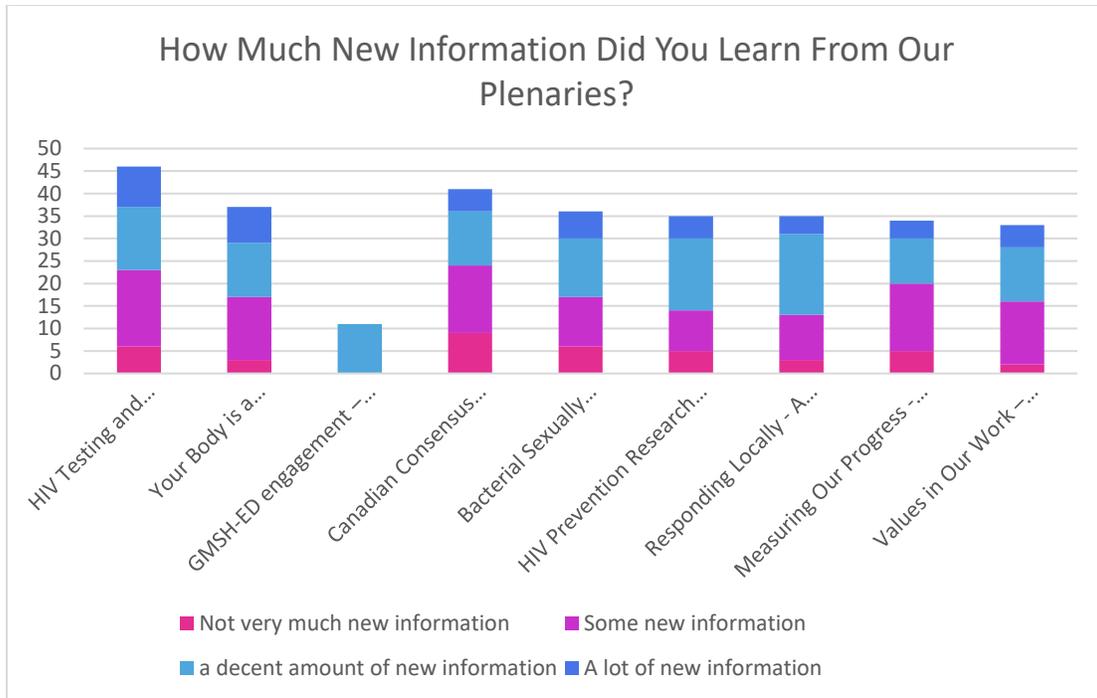
We were pleased to present members with a combination of plenaries and breakout sessions, covering a broad range of health issues, e.g. sexual health, mental and emotional health. Below is a summary of the evaluation results compiled at the end of the Symposium.

If you have any questions about the report or Symposium, please contact Dan Gallant (contact information is on the cover of this report).



Plenary Sessions





Additional Comments – What Stuck Out From This Year’s Plenaries?

You guys are fabulous! I learned a lot.

Joel’s presentation and David’s closing made me realize that we generally engage in with this content as providers

and don’t often talk about our own sexual experiences

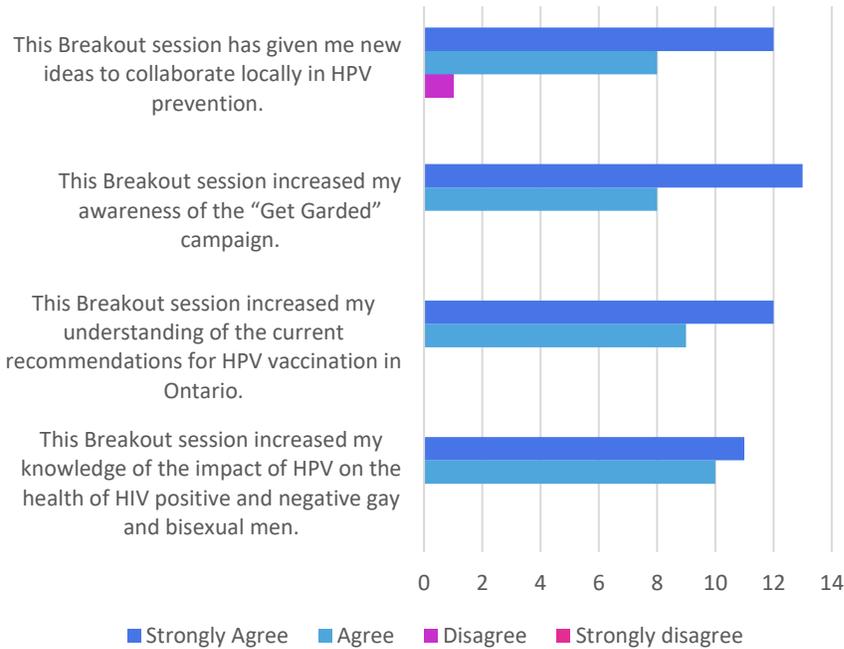
Transitioning from condom-based messaging to more choices and how they impact gay men

ED engagement

The importance of adopting undetectable=uninfectious as a statement

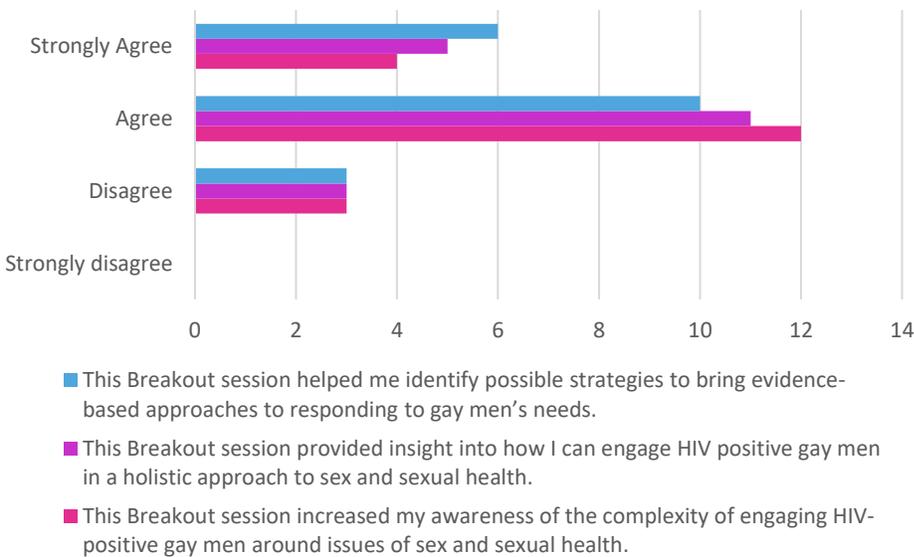
Breakout Sessions

'Get Garded': HPV and Gay Men

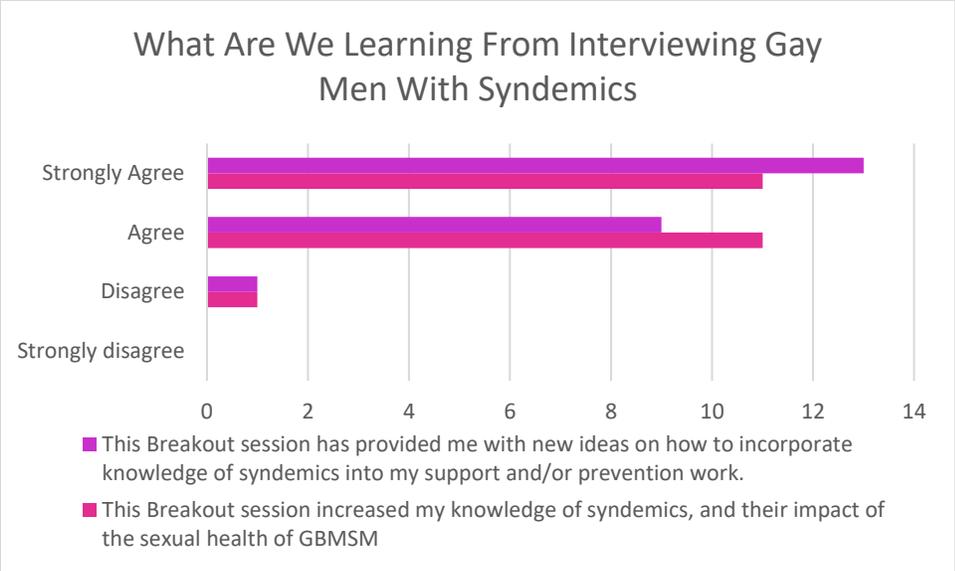


I really enjoyed participating in this session because I gained new information about HPV and the HPV site "Get Garded."

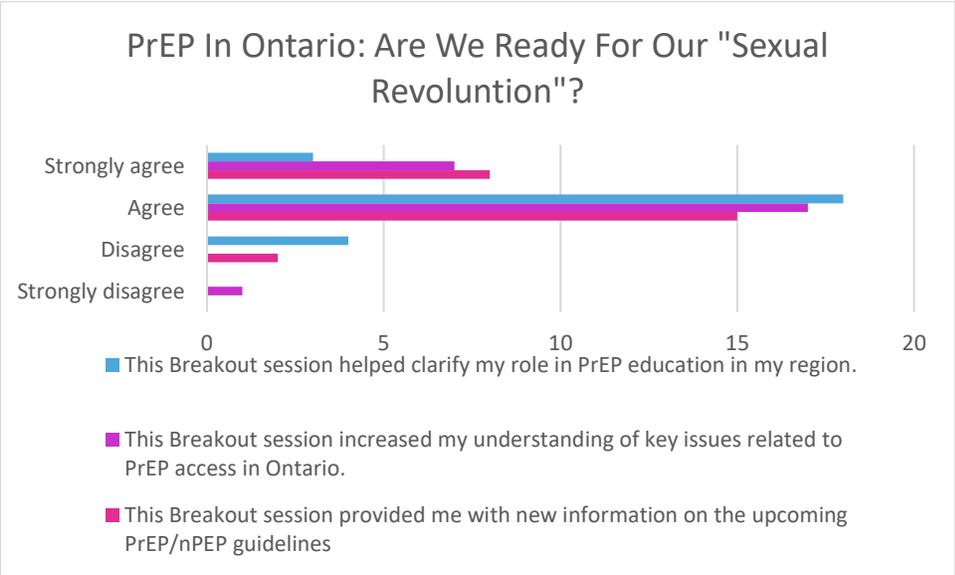
Gay Poz Men, Sex, and Sexual Health



Wish Gay Poz Men, and Sexual Health was longer and elaborated



Barry's session was especially impactful as it outlined new concepts/ ways of describing the full spectrum of health and how syndemics greatly impact our clients, HIV transmission in our work. Many sessions are repetitive and or lacking new information



Please describe one action item you intend to take following your participation at this year's Skills Building Symposium:

I will give a workshop on HPV

Find local access to PrEP

Continue to improve professional capacity skills to model leadership for more awareness around sexual health includes HIV and other STIS as well as harm reduction

Look into PEP and PrEP literacy back home at hospitals

Rolling out The Sex You Want after launch