



**ACET**  
JERSEY

# 25 Years of AIDS

“ **HIV/AIDS** has unfolded along a pattern we tend to see only in nightmares. It has **spread further**, faster and with more catastrophic long-term effects **than any other disease.** Its **impact** has become a devastating obstacle to **the progress of human kind.**”

UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan

# Chairman's Message

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ACET continues to fulfil a vital role by working to ensure that everyone in Jersey has the knowledge and skills to protect themselves from HIV infection. Our ongoing effort to eradicate myths and prejudice about HIV/AIDS, by providing people with clear facts as the basis of understanding and compassion for those affected by HIV, is an important expression of the Christian principles upon which ACET is founded and governed.

In 2005 the Trustees recruited Michelle Moffat, an experienced teacher and educational publisher, as ACET's full-time HIV Educator. We are delighted that Michelle has joined us to further develop our work with young people.

Globally, young people remain the group most at risk of HIV infection; a fact worryingly underlined by recent local research showing a decline in their awareness of HIV/AIDS from 84% to 61%.

Our work with local teenagers now stands to benefit from the publication of ACET's new booklet HIV Facts for Life, which was launched on World AIDS Day 2005.

The development and publication of HIV Facts for Life was made possible by our partnership with Standard Chartered Bank who, as founding members of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, have been working with ACET since 2004 to minimise the spread of HIV in Jersey.



Bruce Willing CBE - Chairman

During 2005 our work with minority communities continued to flourish under the leadership and guidance of our Community Development Officer, Ana De Oliveira. ACET remains committed to equipping economic migrants including the growing Polish community with the skills, knowledge and confidence to safeguard their sexual health and to ensuring that they enjoy equal access to health related information and services in Jersey.

For each of us concerned by the growing scale of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and the threat this poses to the future health and prosperity of our communities, the question of what action we should take remains.

Although the global statistics are seemingly insurmountable, HIV/AIDS is a preventable disease, albeit one that is spread by ignorance and prejudice and fear. After reading this Annual Review I hope that that you will agree

that ACET's programmes represent a significant, cost-effective and worthwhile response to the challenge of HIV/AIDS in Jersey.

As I write, ACET is involved in consultation on the development of the island's Sexual Health Strategy. We look forward to working alongside other agencies in delivering a co-ordinated and resourced response to this crucial aspect of our island's overall health.

Finally, I should like to pay tribute to Rosemary and her team for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and also to thank my fellow Trustees for their unstinting support and commitment.

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# Director's Report

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In June 1981, scientists in the United States reported the first clinical evidence of a disease that would later become known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS. Twenty-five years later, the AIDS epidemic has spread to every corner of the world. Today around 40 million people are living with HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) and over 25 million have died of AIDS.

In January 2005, I travelled to Uganda to join 140 delegates from 30 nations and 4 continents at the ACET International Conference. The main purpose of the conference was to consider the future at a time when, despite all efforts, AIDS remains out of control in many parts of the world.

We learned that just doubling or trebling the size of all existing programmes in the world would not be enough to contain the epidemic nor care for all in need. There is a desperate need to mobilise all sectors of the community and prepare for a marathon approach to this global pandemic.

The message was echoed in a speech entitled 'Why AIDS is exceptional' given at the London School of Economics by Dr Peter Piot, UNAIDS Executive Director, in February 2005. Dr Piot argued that the AIDS pandemic is exceptional as a global crisis and poses a serious threat to our prospects for progress and stability - on a par with such extraordinary threats as nuclear weaponry or global climate change.

The AIDS pandemic is exceptional inasmuch as a disease that is not easily contagious and was a circumscribed epidemic just 25 years ago has morphed into a pandemic of cumulatively over 65 million people and shows no sign of reaching equilibrium.

All the signs are that this pandemic will continue to expand for decades to come.

Whilst AIDS has an exceptionally damaging impact on communities, the sensitive issues at the heart of the pandemic - sex, gender inequality, commercial sex, homosexuality and drug use, and associated taboo, denial and prejudice, - have proved to be exceptional barriers to prompt and effective action by governments and civil society across the world.

Dr Piot concludes that only an exceptional response will suffice to reverse this pandemic. That response demands real leadership and real activism from all sectors of society including politics, civil society, business, churches and the media.

We cannot afford to ignore these warnings. Jersey is increasingly part of the global community. This is why

ACET's prevention programmes are so important, and why we will continue to work with all sectors of our community to influence attitudes, behaviour and decisions that have an impact on the lives of people affected by, and at risk of, HIV and AIDS in Jersey.

After 25 years HIV/AIDS is still a serious issue for everyone. We owe it to all members of our community, not least our young people who will be living with the fallout for many years to come, to prioritise the issues of discrimination, prevention and care and ensure that we continue to do everything we can to mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS in Jersey.



Rosemary Ruddy - Executive Director

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“ We were very shocked to discover that while **HIV is increasing in the UK,** people know less about the risks of HIV transmission than they did five years ago and **continue to practise unsafe sex.** These results are a wake up call not only because **people are putting themselves at risk,** but also because ignorance about **HIV is likely to encourage prejudice and discrimination.**”

Deborah Jack, Chief Executive, National AIDS Trust  
speaking about a recent Ipsos Mori poll

**AIDS Care Education and Training Jersey (ACET)**

is an association incorporated before the Royal Court of Jersey in December 1994. The charity is a member of the ACET International Alliance.

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# Key Achievements in 2005



Informed and educated people about HIV/AIDS in Jersey through publications, education and training, the media and events.



Campaigned for a modern integrated HIV and Sexual Health Strategy and a resourced Action Plan for Jersey.



Lobbied government and key policy makers for the introduction of an unlinked anonymous testing programme to provide more reliable evidence of HIV infection in Jersey.



Delivered HIV training for 133 teachers, children's workers, social workers and other professionals.

## Honorary Treasurer's Report

ACET Jersey, in common with many other charities, operates with very limited financial resources. The Trustees are proud that ACET continues to function efficiently with a dedicated team of three full-time staff who are complemented by a number of part-time and sessional colleagues. Together this team provides the full range of services expanded elsewhere in this Annual Review, undertake fundraising activities and fulfil all of the charity's administrative functions.

As is apparent from the financial summary, each year becomes an increasing challenge to exist and develop these services. However, despite the termination of all Government funding from 2006 onwards, we have secured additional medium term funding from a local charitable trust to cover a substantial part of our core salary costs. Our strategy has been, and continues to be, to seek funding for specific projects that are clearly identified and for which specific feedback can be given.

Funding is secured for the rest of 2006 and into the early part of 2007. A number of grant applications for a range of specific services are currently in progress.

The Trustees have a real involvement in all aspects of ACET Jersey's work and are careful custodians of the precious but limited resources available. They come from various diverse backgrounds, disciplines and vocations but take their fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

There is an ever-increasing amount of work for ACET to do and this will only be achieved by the ongoing assistance of existing financial supporters and the development of new sources of funding.

**Malcolm Lewis FCA**  
Honorary Treasurer

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### 1981

Scientists in the United States reported the first clinical evidence of a disease that would later become known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS.

### 1982

Three modes of transmission identified: blood, mother to child, and sexual intercourse.

### 1983

Dr. Luc Montagnier in France isolates HIV. A heterosexual AIDS epidemic is revealed in Central Africa.

### 1984

Dr Robert Gallo in the U.S. identifies HIV as the cause of AIDS.

### 1985

At least one case of HIV has been reported in each region of the world. First HIV antibody tests made available, and HIV screening of blood donations begins. Hollywood star Rock Hudson is revealed to have AIDS.

### 1986

Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS is created.



Distributed 1100 Parent's Toolkits to help parents work in partnership with schools to provide good sex education for their own children.



Appointed a qualified Secondary School Teacher to develop an integrated programme of HIV/AIDS education for children and young people in Jersey.



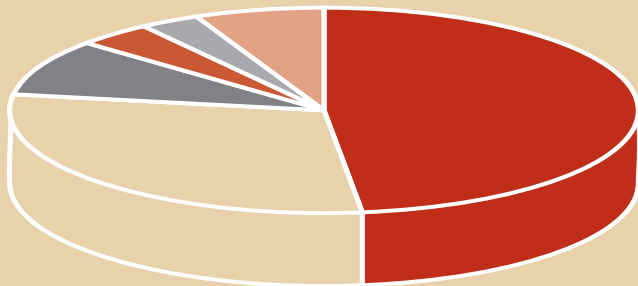
Worked with staff and students in 5 Secondary Schools to support a range of prevention activities around World AIDS Day.



Ran a competition in local schools in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank to design the cover for a new publication to educate teenagers about HIV/AIDS.

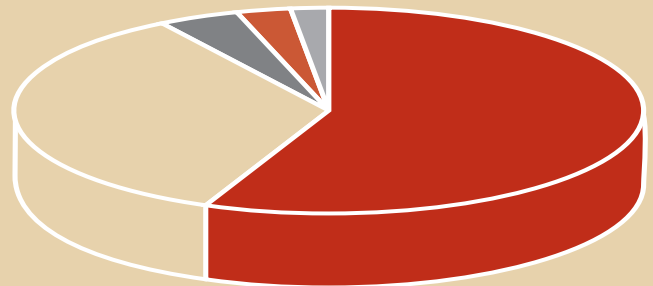
## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2005

### Expenditure £170,590



Economic Migrants	£82,090
Children and Young People	£50,256
Parents	£15,173
HIV Training	£6,550
Central Administration	£5,482
Fundraising	£11,039

### Income £154,218



States of Jersey	£87,044
Companies and Trusts	£53,511
Churches	£6,745
Tax Recovered, Bank Interest and Course Fees	£4,189
Private Donations	£2,729

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2005

ASSETS	£	FUNDS	£
Fixed Assets		Reserve Funds	
Equipment	3,953	Brought forward	21,582
Current Assets		Deficit for the year	(19,265)
Cash at bank and in hand	1,110	TOTAL	2,317
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(2,746)		
TOTAL	2,317		

The figures on this page have been extracted from the audited financial statements. Full accounts are available on request from ACET Jersey.

### 1987

WHO establishes the Special Programme on AIDS. AIDS becomes the first disease ever debated on the floor of the United Nations General Assembly. The first therapy for AIDS is approved for use in the United States.

### 1988

WHO declares 1 December as World AIDS Day.

### 1989

The UK Health Education Authority produces the first HIV awareness materials targeted at gay men.

### 1990

1 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

### 1991

The red ribbon becomes an international symbol of AIDS awareness. 10 million people around the world are HIV positive.

### 1992/93

HIV prevalence in Uganda and Thailand begins to decrease as a result of countrywide mobilisation.



Published HIV Facts for Life, a new educational resource for teenagers, and provided supplies for all Secondary schools and doctor's surgeries.



Launched a new website to educate people in Jersey about HIV/AIDS.



Made 1200 individual contacts with economic migrants and provided personal information and advice about HIV and safeguarding sexual health in Jersey.



Provided a tailored programme of Skilled for Health classes with specialist tutors for 62 adults with very low levels of literacy.

## About ACET Jersey

### Who we are

ACET Jersey is a member of a well-established international network of HIV/AIDS organisations working together to encourage a Christian response to HIV/AIDS worldwide.

ACET has been delivering innovative and effective programmes in Jersey with a small team of professional and highly experienced staff for the past 12 years.

We aim to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in Jersey, ensure everyone has easy access to information, testing, treatment and care, and to eradicate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

### What we do

We influence attitudes, behaviour and decisions that have an impact on the lives of people affected by, and at risk of, HIV and AIDS. In order to do this effectively we:

- Inform and educate people
- Raise awareness through the media and events
- Research current issues
- Identify and contribute to the solutions
- Campaign for change

### Why we are needed

HIV is increasing in every country in the world including the UK. 40 million people are currently estimated to be living with HIV worldwide, 60,000 in the UK.

There is no cure and a vaccine is still at least ten years away.

The epidemic is changing. Worldwide there are now more women than men living with HIV. Central Asian countries, where HIV is beginning to sweep through the injecting drug user population, now face the greatest risk.

Of all the cases thought to have been acquired in the UK in 2005, three quarters were in gay and bi-sexual men.

One of the great challenges to HIV prevention is the large numbers of those who are undiagnosed and could therefore unknowingly be putting at risk their sexual partners.

Ignorance about HIV not only costs lives, it contributes to prejudice and stigma. Many people living with HIV in the UK and Jersey are still discriminated against.

### How we work

- We challenge complacency about HIV/AIDS at a political and personal level.
- We provide practical and emotional support for individuals and families affected by HIV.
- We educate young people about HIV/AIDS and teach them how to avoid infection.
- We provide parents with resources and support to help them teach their own children about drugs, sex and relationships.
- We ensure that economic migrants and other minority groups in Jersey have the knowledge and skills they need to take responsibility for their own sexual health.
- We train employers, professionals and workers in all the issues associated with HIV/AIDS.
- We address the personal and social determinants of preventative behaviour.
- We provide education that challenges prejudice, stigma and discrimination.

## 1994

Scientists develop the first treatment regime to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission.

## 1996

UNAIDS becomes operational.

## 1998

39 pharmaceutical companies file a law suite against the South African government to contest legislation aimed at reducing the price of medicines.

## 2000

UNAIDS and WHO announce a joint initiative to increase access to HIV treatment in developing countries.

## 1995

An HIV outbreak in Eastern Europe is detected among injecting drug users.

## 1997

Global Business Coalition on AIDS is created.

## 1999

First trials of a potential HIV vaccine in a developing country start in Thailand.



Provided 518 computer-based learning sessions for adults with a limited educational background.



Provided Children's Clubs with opportunities for personal and social development for 109 vulnerable children.



Ran the 2005 World AIDS Day Campaign in Jersey.



Achieved Investor in People status.

## ACET Jersey

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### Patrons

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Rosemary Ruddy BA FCMI MinstF (Cert)

### Sponsors

We would like to thank all those who have supported ACET Jersey's work in 2005 with gifts and sponsorship, especially those who have given regularly to our work.

#### Churches

Georgetown Methodist Church  
 Methodist Church Multi-Racial  
 Projects Fund  
 Parish Church of St Ouen  
 St George's Church  
 St Paul's Church

### Companies and Trusts

Barclays Bank  
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 Standard Chartered Bank  
 Walbrook Group Ltd

### Schools

Beaulieu Convent School  
 De La Salle College  
 Haute Vallee School  
 Hautlieu School  
 Jersey College for Girls  
 Le Rocquier School

### States of Jersey

Community Grants Panel  
 Education Sport and Culture Committee  
 Health and Social Services Committee

## 2001

The first UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS declares AIDS a global catastrophe and calls for worldwide commitment to fight AIDS.

## 2002

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis is established.

## 2003

WHO and UNAIDS launch '3 by 5' initiative to increase the number of people who have access to antiretroviral therapy.

## 2004

UNAIDS launches the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS.

## 2005

International leaders commit to universal access to treatment at the G8 Summit in Gleneagles. About 1.3 million people have access to treatment.

## 2006

About 40 million people are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. 25 million people have died of AIDS.