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Growing older & living with HIV

“The power of
the Narrative”.



Derek and Oak

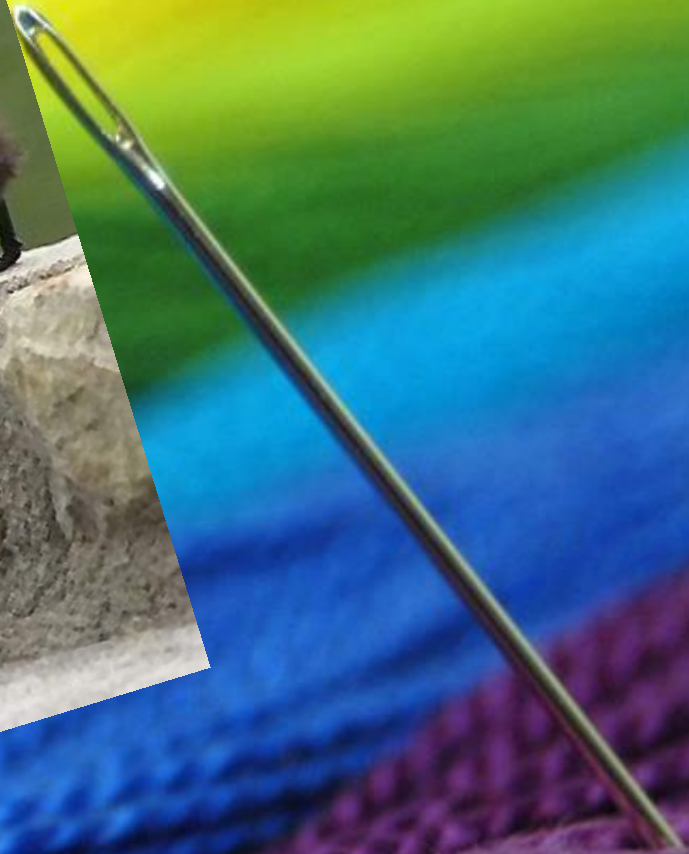
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“Ageism combined with sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination can lead to a heightened fear of ageing within the GLBTI community.....a summary search suggests, some gay men experience themselves as older earlier in life than heterosexual men”
(Mc Nair & Harrison 2002, p. 42)

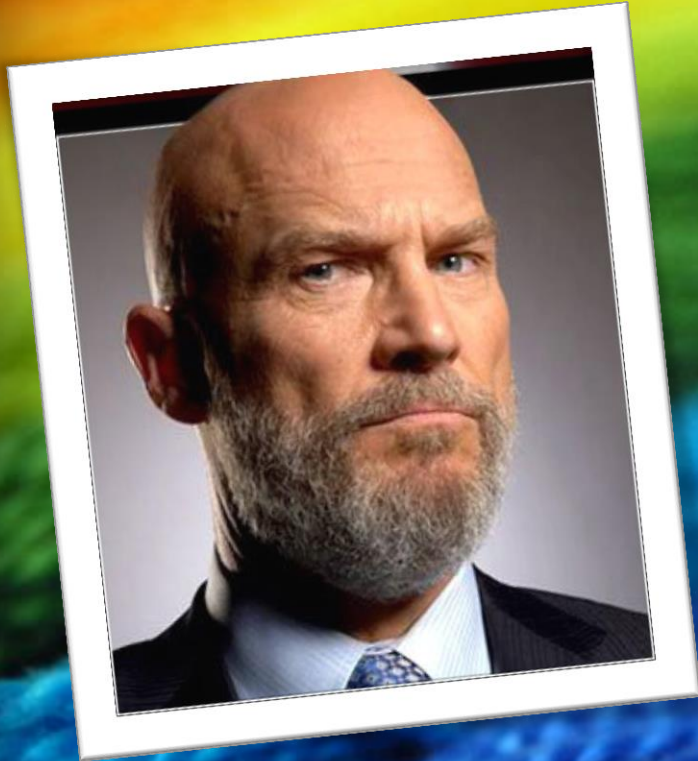
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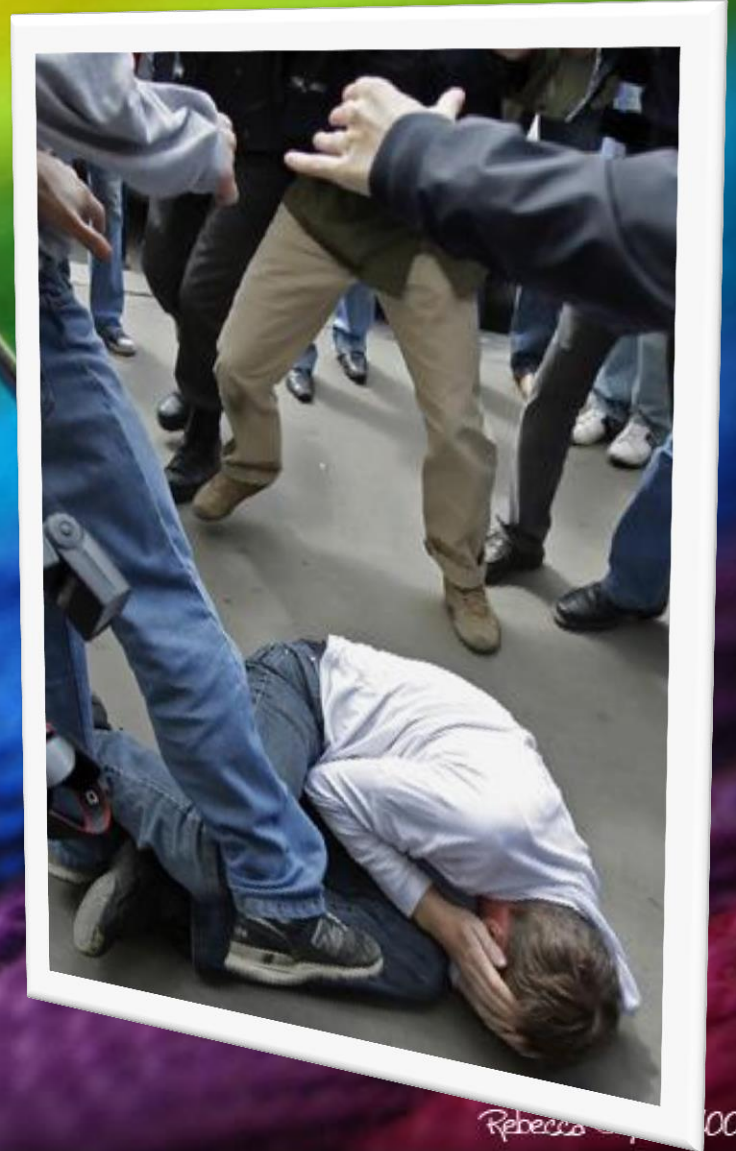
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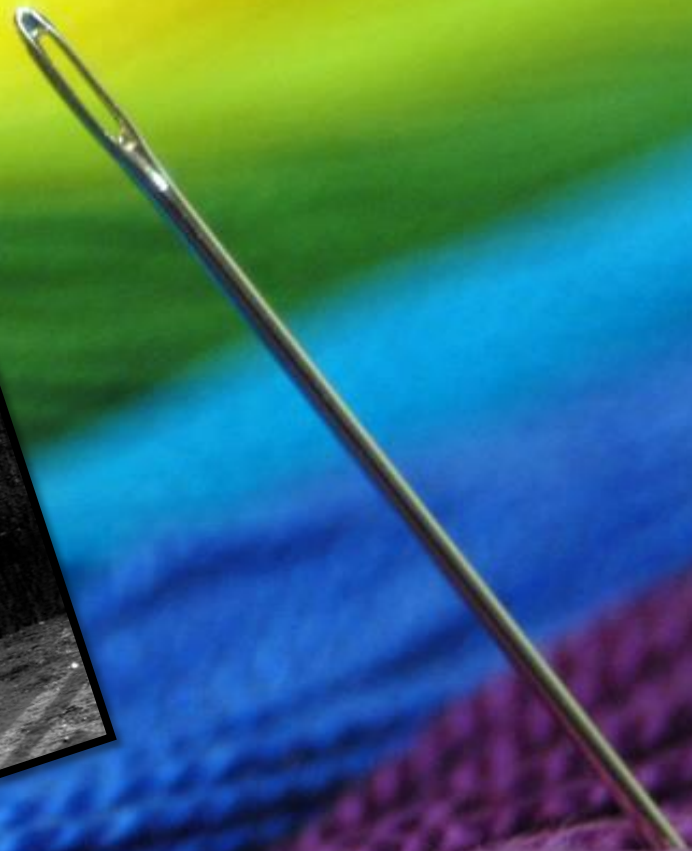
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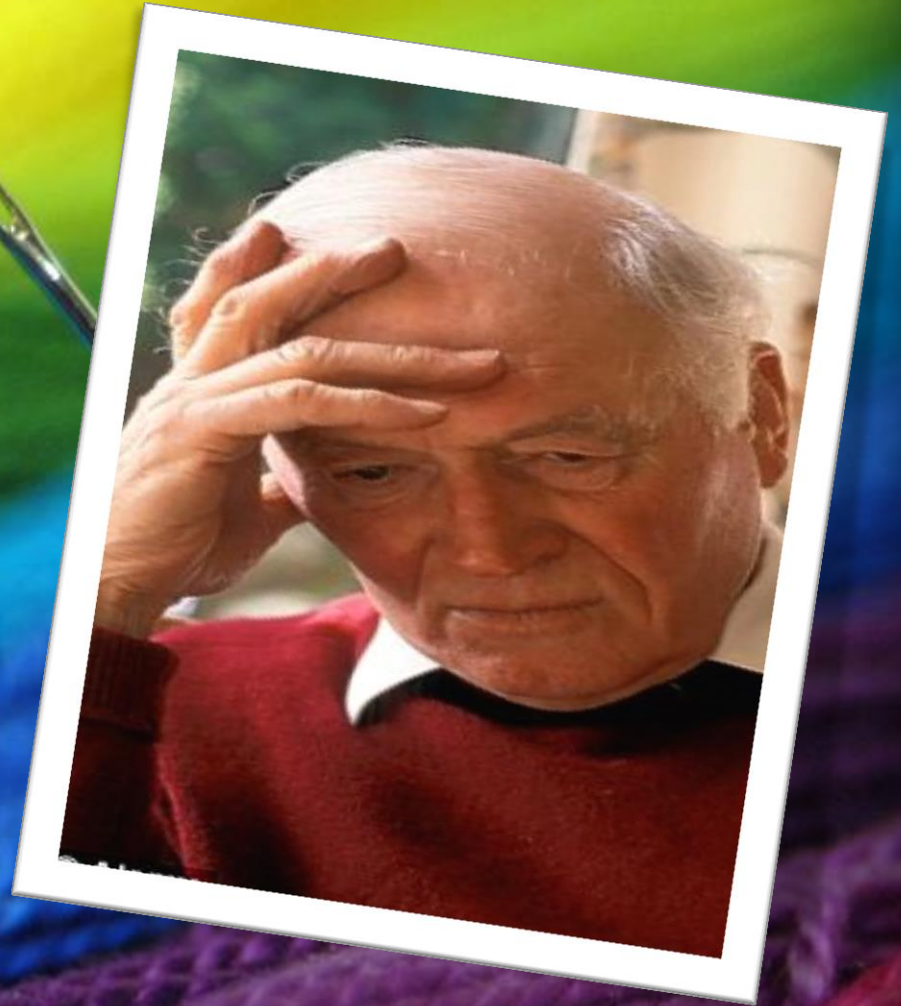
Homophobia



SEPARATE AND ALONE



Protective silence



COMORBIDITY



Rebecca Joye 2007

Fear of Contagion



Violation of confidentiality



OUTCOME

It will be the responsibility of service providers, academics, researchers, and older adults themselves to work toward the elimination of societal views that perpetuate HIV stigma and ageism.

MAX'S NARRATIVE



REMEMBERING

... “a shared narrative being witnessed by a significant other such as a friend or family member [Aged Care Worker]...the power in this is in the telling and the re-telling of the story. This helps people maintain their past and present identity, in a place that it does not exist”.

(based on Michael White's Narrative Therapy)

Charter of Human Rights

- Respected
 - Loved
- Included
- Consulted
- Accepted
- Treated as worthwhile human beings

ADVERSITY

