



October means... NEXT MONTH is Testing Week!

We are gearing up for next month and the official start of Testing Week! There have been lots of updates since our last newsletter... are you connected with us on social media? Be sure to Like our page on [Facebook](#) and follow our [Twitter](#) for all of the latest updates!

2017 ETW Materials

The 2017 ETW Materials have **officially launched** on our [website](#)! Check them out and use them when you develop your Testing Week materials.

bioLytical Laboratories Promotion

We have partnered with bioLytical Laboratories again this year to provide their exclusive offer for Testing Week participants! They are offering their INSTI HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibody Test on a special Buy One, Get One promotion.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to take advantage of this exclusive deal. Deadline to sign up is **31 October 2017** so don't delay!



Joint Statement on HIV/Hepatitis testing for Key and most affected populations

European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week stands with an alliance of NGOs to support the effort to encourage safer and voluntary testing among key and most affected populations.

"We recognise that ETW 2017 marks a significant step up in advocacy and action to challenge existing barriers to safe voluntary testing, both real and perceived, and to truly ensure nobody is left behind. Building on this unique opportunity, we are pleased to stand in solidarity with others representing or working with our peer-led country or regional networks, and with HIV/Hepatitis organisations to promote this vital testing campaign."

We ask you to:

- Share the joint statement with your colleagues and encourage them to participate in ETW
- Network with others in your locale who have already signed on to ETW

- Explore joint work to encourage more safe and voluntary testing among key and most affected populations
- Let others know what you're planning so we can share your news to encourage others through our ETW website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

[Click here to read the entire joint statement.](#)

We have started a THUNDERCLAP

Similar to what we did in 2016, we have started a Thunderclap for ETW 2017!

For those unfamiliar with Thunderclap, it is a safe and easy-to-use service that we use to help spread our message.

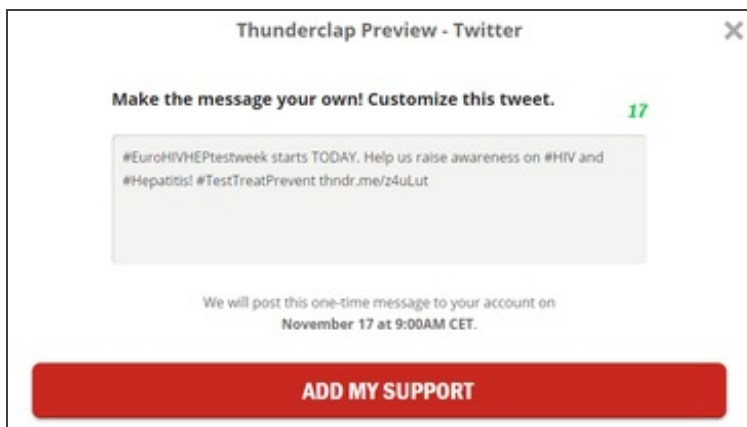
Signing-up is super simple:

Step 1: Click on our [Thunderclap campaign](#)

Step 2: Choose which of your social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr) for Thunderclap to post our message.

Step 3: Sign into your account and click **Add my support**

Step 4: Allow Thunderclap to post our message on your behalf... and that's it! You're done. Thunderclap will take care of the rest and post our message on 17 November.



We are pleased to announce our first National Testing Champion!

Our new National Testing Champion is Billie from [Gender Orientation Sexual Health HIV \(GOSHH\)](#) in Ireland! Billie has been a longstanding advocate for Testing Week and also actively advocates for joint regional work and is a member of the tri-party KNOW NOW testing program in Ireland. Billie is actively involved in HIV and hepatitis testing efforts in Ireland and is currently in process of engaging with needle exchange pharmacies to implement peer supported rapid testing.

Congratulations to Billie! Your work is inspiring and we cannot wait to see you Champion the Testing Week efforts in Ireland!



Latest News from the ETW Coordinating Centre

We want to know what YOU are doing for Testing Week.

Are you providing after hours testing in your community? Are you starting a #hashtag

awareness campaign? Are you working with local celebrities to help spread the word on your activities?

We want to know! Send us your plans for Testing Week to hie.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk or tag us through our [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) accounts if you're posting online.

Don't forget to use the official hashtag for ETW 2017: **#EuroTestWeek**.

Stay tuned for updates to the website, coming soon!