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We would like to introduce you and your members to **Blood Brothers**, a much needed in depth exploration into the cultural fabric of gay life-style. **Blood Brothers** is a three day intensive training workshop for service organizations to better understand their clients' lifestyles and core beliefs while gaining from the exchange of skills and ideas of other colleagues.

generations studio has spent the past year working with gay men and youth exploring the effects of internalized homophobia, successfully bringing these findings to the larger community. Concerns of fear, silence and continual violence prompt an urgent desire to effect positive community change and has led to the development of this program.

Blood Brothers provides a rare opportunity for gay men and their supporters to meet these challenges experientially, breaking down worn-out assumptions of ourselves and one another. The workshop offers a unique alternative to the often overtly political, bureaucratic, "top-down" approach of governmental service initiatives.

Running side by side the Community Forum of the XI international Conference on AIDS at the University of British Columbia, **Blood Brothers** provides an opportunity for informal cross cultural exchange between international participants and their local B.C. counterparts.

Sponsored by AIDS Vancouver Island, through Health Canada, generation studio is able to offer this cultural training program for a minimal cost of \$175 per participant. Also, six scholarships have been made available for gay youth on a first come, first-served basis.

A team of six professional performance artists and facilitators will establish a creative environment of safety and trust, allowing the 25 participants to explore the topical sessions with greater insight and integrity.

Blood Brothers promises to be a transformational opportunity for any member of your staff, board or volunteer team to dramatically raise their level of awareness of the diverse cultural and personal challenges facing your clients today.

Please take a moment to review the workshop information. The program is being offered British Columbia wide and is expected to fill quickly. Feel free to call for more information or to arrange a brief meeting to discuss the program.

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