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Subject : Re: The 2004 Summit...

HI Brandon,

Thank you for your message and for the nice conversation we had in Cambridge. I visited your site and became more informed about the work you are doing, which seems very interesting and important.

As I mentioned to you in Cambridge, I am currently conducting a study on [REDACTED] in the Internet. It is a three year study funded by NIMH. As part of the research design, we anticipated that we would interview key individuals who know very well what goes on in terms of the [REDACTED] networks that meet through the Internet. Of course, the interviews will be done with complete confidentiality, with full respect for the views of the individuals interviewed, and with the sole purpose of understanding better the dynamics of what is going on. We have no [REDACTED] pushing agenda in mind. All interviewees will be paid.

It is clear to me that you have an extended knowledge of our subject matter, and that we could learn a lot from sitting down to talk with you. I hope you may agree to such interview.

I will ask my Project Director, Ana Ventuneac <Ventune@[REDACTED]>, to get in touch with you and send you more information about the study (she will probably send you the consent form that explains in a little bit more detail the issues I mentioned before). If you are interested in being interviewed, we would set it up for some weeks from now, since we are finishing up some other stuff.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Alex

brandon brandon wrote:

Greetings Everyone,

I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank you for making my experience at the 2004 LGBTI Health Summit a rewarding one, and I am looking forward to keeping in touch with you. I do plan to attend the next one in 2006, and conduct a workshop addressing the sex party / club issue.

My goal at the '04 Summit was to learn more about the current state of affairs in regards to HIV, and how other groups / organizations were tackling the issue. I left the Summit confident in knowing that the future is in good hands, our hands. I am convinced that our only limitations are those of our imagination. With this in mind, I have created an Adopt a Park program here in New York City, NY.

My Adopt a Park program lets sex club owners adopt a local cruising park of their choice, and to help promote the important issues that our communities face: examples are: Crystal Meth, Syphilis testing, HIV testing, Hep testing, and safe sex. I have adopted Inwood Park (a small cruising park in the Uptown section of Manhattan along the Hudson River) and have been handing out safe sex packets there. Each packet includes: two condoms, two packets of lube and an information card which is the size of a business card. The information card has vital web links to: Crystal Meth, Syphilis testing, HIV testing, Hep testing, other government links, and my website (for those who are hiv+) www.poz4poz.com. As a private sex party owner for HIV+ guys only, I feel responsible to help keep our communities informed, and safe.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to meet you at the 2004 LGBTI Health Summit, I am looking forward to keeping in touch.

Best regards;