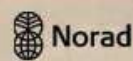
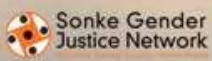


A film
about men and condoms
in the time of HIV and AIDS



PROTECTION

A resource to stir discussion about the significance
of condoms in your ongoing HIV prevention initiatives.



FILM LAUNCH WITH SEMINAR

November 17, 2010

Seminar: 11.30-16.00

Full screening of film: 16.00-18.30

Venue: Norad, Ruseļ kiveien 26, Auditorium, 4th Floor

LAUNCHING

of the film

Protection; Men and Condoms in the time of HIV and AIDS

17. November 2010

Venue: Norad, Auditorium 4th Floor, Ruseløkkveien 26

Part 1 - seminar:

- 11.30-12.00 Registration and light lunch, gathering in the Auditorium
- 12.00-12.15 Welcoming note by **Elisabeth Rasmussen**, General Secretary of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Eldrid Midttun, Senior Education Adviser, NRC
How the film came about, and finally got to be produced, and some directions for how it may be used in the field – and in Norway.
- 12.15-12.45 **Jill Lewis**, - Professor of literature and gender studies, Hampshire College, USA
The challenges of gender, sexuality and condoms in the face of HIV and AIDS
- 12.45-13.15 An edited version of the film, introduced by Jill Lewis
- 13.15-13.45 **Dean Peacock** – Co-founder and Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice Network, South Africa
Condoms and the politics of HIV-prevention
- 13.45-14.00 Break
- 14.00-14.30 **Gary Barker** –Director of gender, violence and rights at the International Center for Research on Women –ICRW, USA
Challenges and dilemmas in engaging men in achieving healthy and equitable sexualities
- 14.30-15.00 *Getting real – how to work with these challenges in practice*
Some examples and reflections by:
Jon O'Brien – Catholics for Choice - *How to overcome religious barriers*
Michael Tawanda – Section for global initiative and gender equality, The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Eldrid Midttun – Senior Education Adviser, The Norwegian Refugee Council
Jan Bjarne Sødal – Project coordinator, Christian Council of Norway
Other representatives from institutions working in relevant fields (to be confirmed)
- 15.00-16.00 Light snack and mingling in the auditorium, with a chance to address the guest speakers at their respective “stands” , for questions and comments related to their former presentations.

PART 2: Full screening of the film: "Protection; Men and Condoms in the time of HIV and AIDS"

16.00 Welcoming note and brief presentation of the film (total 110 min) by **Jill Lewis**
Full screening of the film

18.45-19-00 Closing up and noting response from the audience

Moderators: Bjarne Garden and Anne Skjelmerud (Norad)

REGISTRATION

The seminar and the film screening session are free of charge and open to anyone interested in the topic. Please do register via the below link, for logistics and lunch preparations.

<http://www.norad.no/paamelding/Men%20and%20Condoms%20in%20a%20time%20of%20HIV%20and%20AIDS>

For questions related to the seminar or the film, please contact:

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GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jill Lewis, - <http://www.hampshire.edu/faculty/jlewis.htm>

Holds a PhD from Cambridge University and teaches as Professor of Literature and Gender Studies every Spring semester at Hampshire College, Amherst, USA.

With a long involvement in politics of gender and sexuality, issues of race, ethnicity and cross-cultural dialogue, since 1986 she has worked (the other 7 months each year) developing HIV prevention initiatives, focused on youth, radical interrogations of gender and participative educational methods.

Based from Oslo for 10 years she led the Estonia-based NIKK project /LIVING FOR TOMORROW: youth, sexual health, HIV, gender and sex in Nordic/Baltic/N.W. Russian times of transition/.

In recent years she has worked on gender/HIV capacity building training for NRC education programmes in Sierra Leone, Uganda, DRC, Burundi, Liberia, Somaliland, Sudan, Azerbaijan, Georgia; with IPPF internationally on gender/SRH, youth/sexuality/faith; with Roma refugees in Serbia for CARE; with students of RCNUWC and medical students in the UK.

Dean Peacock – <http://www.genderjustice.org.za/staff/dean-peacock>

Co-founder and Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice Network, South Africa. His work and activism over the last twenty years has focused on issues related to men, constructions of masculinities, health and social justice. Dean currently serves on the UNAIDS Global Task Force on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV and the UNDP Expert Group developing the Gender Guidance for National AIDS Responses and the UN Secretary General's Network of Men Leaders.

Gary Barker – <http://www.icrw.org/who-we-are/expert/gary-barker>

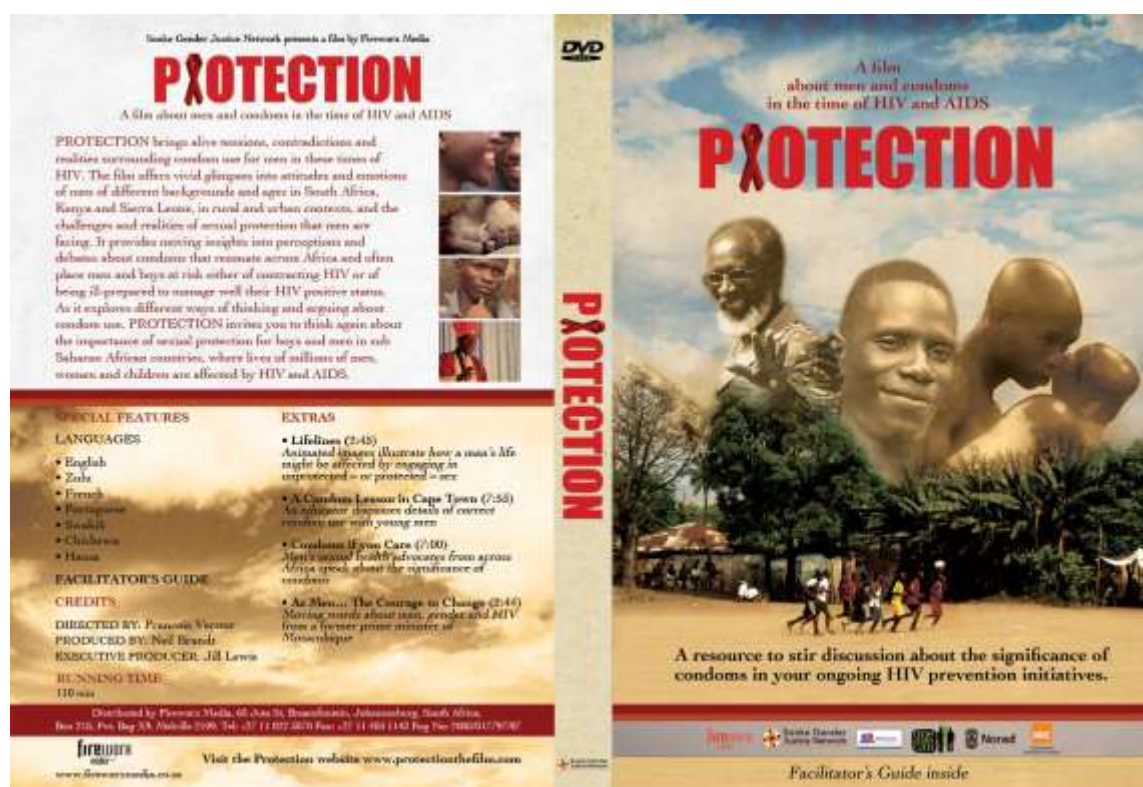
Director of gender, violence and rights at the International Center for Research on Women -ICRW. In this role, Barker oversees ICRW's research, policy analyses and programmatic work to develop solutions that address the underlying causes that lead to violence against women, including the involvement of men and boys.

Jon O'Brien - <http://www.catholicsforchoice.org/about/bio/default.asp>

President of Catholics for Choice (CFC), heads the leading prochoice organization addressing sexual and reproductive rights from a standpoint of culture, faith, and morality. Mr. O'Brien is committed to maintaining a visionary approach to reproductive health policy, focused on shaping and advancing the way people, especially opinion leaders and policy makers, think about these issues. Through his leadership, he promotes the organisation's goal of a creating a world where all women and men are trusted to make responsible decisions about their lives. He has worked on five continents with local advocates and activists on policy development, advocacy and communications.

How to order a copy of the film

To order the DVD with facilitator's guide for HIV initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa please fill in the form at the website: <http://protectionthefilm.com/>



"Protection; Men and Condoms in the time of HIV and AIDS"

By Jill Lewis

Men, Boys and Condom Use is a resource film which is meant to stir discussions on the significance of condoms in Sonke's ongoing HIV prevention initiatives. Avoiding moralising, this creative documentary is filmed from lives of men and boys in South Africa, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

The free DVD includes short pieces explaining condom use and graphic representations of how HIV spreads through unprotected sex across a life timeline. On the DVD, the film can be played in English, French, Portuguese, Swahili, Chichewa, Zulu and Hausa

With its facilitator's guide, the film will be a catalyst for groups to examine the condom issues men encounter in the real contexts of their lives. Although a growing number of people are conscious of the need to use condoms, their acceptance and active use are still far from reality in the lives of many.

Correct, consistent condom use in sex, from teenage years onwards, and across the marriage years, remains a challenge for many men. Along paths of survival, longing, work, or pressures of masculinity, HIV continues to find its way into men's and boy's bodies, and then into their relationships, communities and families. While ARV medications support lives and constrain the spread of HIV once in the body, the goal of preventing the virus from entering bodies in the first place remains key.

This film brings into focus the tensions and contradictions that surround condom use, and presents viewers with situations that are familiar in their daily lives. In three sections it shows:

The challenges in caring for a healthy, strong body in a world of HIV: An elderly, respected trainer in a South African boxing club, highly invested in discipline around the body is nevertheless silent about HIV and Aids, despite the fact that sexualized city life are never far away; a young boxer focuses on building a strong HIV free body, to win a world championship and access new possibilities for his family.

In Kenya, a stone carving community comes together to discuss what can be done to stop tradition dying out as result of HIV and Aids. Those who have suffered loss or are living with HIV argue against reservations and call for new approaches to condom use in realities of sexually active lives. In post-war Sierra Leone two young men navigate the world of sexual health in different ways; one is aware of the risk as a result of his parents' involvement in sexual health education; the other is a rising football star with an elderly Muslim father and many girlfriends. Young male friends in the shanty town put forward varying attitudes to condoms.

The film project was inspired by work on gender and HIV that the Norwegian Refugee Council developed with teachers in African post-war, refugee and IDP settings. Funded by the Norwegian Government (Norad), it is being made by an award-winning South African film team and Sonke has welcomed the initiative into its work with men and boys across Africa to reduce the impact of HIV and address the challenges of condom use in the era of HIV and Aids.



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