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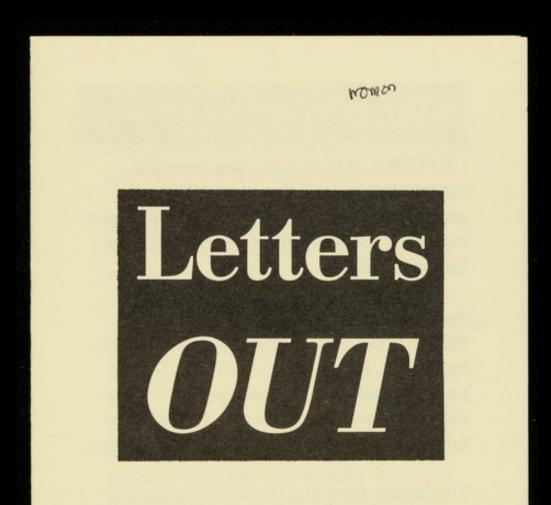
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a unique training package about WOMEN AND HIV

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THE VIDEO

LETTERS OUT is a 50 minute video drama. It raises all the issues around women and AIDS and HIV, without resorting to the didacticism of so much "issuebased" work.

By following the lives of four women (Black and white, middle-class and working class), three who are HIV anti-body positive and their careworker, the many sides of the subject are dealt with forcefully yet with great sensitivity and humour.

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LETTERS OUT is unique in that it specifically addresses the women's relationship to AIDS and the HIV complex of illnesses, and their related emotional and psychological difficulties.



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LETTERS OUT is accompanied by a comprehensive 48 page manual, which contains warm-up sessions, workshop outlines, factual information and a resources list.

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" Letters Out unravels sensitively and realistically the profound social consequences that people with HIV infection and AIDS have to face daily.

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HIV News Review TERRENCE HIGGINS TRUST



Produced by Second Sight with Women and Theatre, and based on Women and Theatre's highly acclaimed play Putting It About.

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LETTERS OUT is intended primarily for use in health education as a starting point for discussion and awareness raising. As an entertaining piece of drama which also looks at sexuality, prejudice and drug-use it is useful in a wide range of contexts.

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