

Mark Ward – Bio

Mark Ward: Founder of Haemosexual & Haemosexual Australia, Tainted Blood Campaigner, HIV & Equality Activist as well as long term surviving haemophiliac.

Mark has been a committee member for the UK based campaign group TaintedBlood since it was established in 2006. A severe haemophiliac super-infected through contaminated blood products, Mark's role within the committee has been varied over the years, including the role of Secretary. He has worked tirelessly to forge links with other organisations, helped to form the group's future strategies and has achieved a good relationship with the media. The knowledge Mark has gained over the years has enabled him to engage with governments on various issues, which includes giving evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee on CJD.

Mark has always had to fight the authorities and the community for equality, forcing support schemes, and others to recognise those who identify as LGBTQ+. This has enabled Mark to provide a unique, yet compassionate approach to his campaigning. As an HIV activist Mark represents the haemophilia community at many public events, such as the unveiling of the AIDS Memorial in Brighton.

In 2014, Mark founded Haemosexual to provide much needed support and sexual health education, along with giving a voice to those ignored. Mark continues the struggle towards equality and better healthcare for all. Using his expert education to fight stigma and discrimination whilst preventing future generations suffering harm such as viral infections.

Arriving in Sydney on Valentine's Day, 2018, Mark established Haemosexual Australia with Rev Bill Crews as patron. Becoming both a role model for those who are currently marginalised, victims of the global contaminated blood scandal living in fear and an ambassador for LGBTQ+ people with a bleeding disorder, globally.

