

Fighting the spread of HIV by posing on the dance floor

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Baltimore's health department is taking a unique approach to fighting HIV.

Each year, the city holds a competition where members of the LGBT community are encouraged to perform, dance and strut in what's called a vogue ball.

At the ball, the city hopes to administer as many HIV tests as possible to curb the troublingly rate of new infections in Baltimore.

Vogueing is a combination of runway walking and dance. The health department decided the best way to reach a population made up almost entirely of gay black and Hispanic men was to throw a ball of their own.

More than 600 people showed up for the ball in November and nearly 130 people were tested for HIV and syphilis.

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