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## A QUICK AND DIRTY TYPEFACE BY FEÒRAG

St. John's Church, at the west end of Princes Street in Edinburgh is famous, nay infamous, for its murals painted on a large board outside the building. Often controversial, and addressing contemporary issues, they've appeared regularly since 1982. In 2016, I was involved in the creation of their World AIDS Day mural, based on that year's theme "HIV Not Retro". Part of what I did was to paint the lettering for the hashtags at the bottom, which had been roughed out in chalk by Greg, the artist.

This font was done quickly, based on that lettering, and tries to capture some of what it was like working in paint, with old brushes, in freezing temperatures, on a Sunday morning (not a time with which I am familiar).

The character set is therefore much smaller than usual, and the only special character is the awareness ribbon. This is mapped to the "bullet" glyph. There's still a good range of accents.

This archive contains the OTF version of the fonts, which can be used on Classic MacOS, MacOS X, Linux and Windows. It includes the following files:

- About HIVNotRetro OTF.pdf this file.
- HIVNotRetro-Regular.otf the font file. In MacOS X, double click on these to see a preview. Click on the "Install Font" button to install. For earlier versions of Mac OS, this file should go in the 'Fonts' folder in the System Folder. Note the change to font style name if you have an earlier version, please delete it first. You will have to re-select your font in documents that use it.
- OFL.txt the Open Font License text.
- FONTLOG.txt detailed information about this font.
- OFL-FAQ.txt frequently asked questions about the SIL Open Font License

A True Type flavoured Open Type version is also available.

## Licence and Notes

This typeface is licensed under the SIL Open Font License. A copy of this licence is included in the package, along with some explanatory material.

While the font is free for you to use and adapt, with very few conditions attached, if you do use it and enjoy it, please consider making a donation to a local charity which cares for people living with HIV. In Scotland, that would be Waverley Care. Copies of anything on which it's used would be nice, too.

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