**Summer Training Course for Young Patients Advocates – Leadership Programme 2017**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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| **Profile** | Applicants must be either be a:1. Young Employee or volunteer of a patient organisation
2. Young Patient with a chronic and/or lifelong illness/condition who is affiliated with a patient organisation
3. Young Patient with a chronic and/or lifelong illness/condition who is not affiliated with a patient organisation

Alternatively, a family member/carer of a young patient with a chronic and/or lifelong illness/condition, who accompanies a young patient, and is active advocate can also submit its application. |
| **Age Range** | 18 – 30 |
| **Country of residence** | Applications will be accepted from candidates living in the EU Members States and those countries who have either the official EU candidate or potential candidate country status, as available [here](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CSelena%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CMicrosoft%5CWord%5Chere)  |
| **Other criteria:** **Knowledge of public health, interest in developing leadership abilities and advocacy skills and willingness to use the learning in practice** | This training course is designed for those who are passionate about advocacy and would like to further develop their leadership abilities and advocacy skills.Because of the training course requirements, including a follow-up phase, - it is preferable that applicants have at least a basic knowledge about public health and its applications to health care as well as understanding of importance of patients’ involvement in related policy and programme processes. If you do sign up for this training course we expect you to commit yourself to applying the knowledge in practice by transferring learning to other young peers, to becoming actively (if not already) involved in patients’ advocacy, and be part of larger patients’ movement, after finishing the course.Finally, given the fact that the overarching theme for this year’s event is: overcoming discrimination, it is preferable that you have a high interest in how to apply the concepts on human rights issues and (non) discrimination in patients’ advocacy.  |
| **Time Commitment** | Applicants must be able to commit to:* actively participate in the online assessment occurring before the training course (to be conducted in a period between April and May 2017)
* attend the training sessions in duration of full 3 days. The dates of the training are **03-05 July 2017.**
* actively participate in the follow-up phase, including the evaluation (to be conducted in a period between July and October 2017, with the possibility of extension during the next Summer Training Course)
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| **Language** | The whole programme will be available in English. To successfully take part in this training course, you, therefore, must have a working knowledge of the language at least an Upper Intermediate level (B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), meaning:“You can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without problems to understand each for either party. You can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects”.  |
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