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

**APPLICATION FORM**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Summer Training Course for Young Patients Advocates – Leadership Programme is an exciting and unique opportunity offering a tailored high-quality training to young patients advocates or representatives of young patients advocates who have the motivation to learn more about the advocacy and maximise their leadership potentials in real environment.

Our vision for the Summer Training Course – Leadership Programme is to create a platform where young patients’ advocates would empower, inspire and learn from each other on an annual basis.

The overarching theme for this year’s event is: *Overcoming Discrimination*.

Non-discrimination is a fundamental element in human rights law. What rights and responsibilities do young patients have? What groups of patients are most vulnerable to accessing health care on the basis of discrimination? What can be done to ensure that patients, in particularly young patients, stop facing stigma and discrimination within their national healthcare system, work and wider environment? How young patients’ advocates can have a bigger participating role in their own organizations and decision-making processes in their respective countries?

In particularly, the training sessions will cover the following topics:

1. Self-Leadership – assess your leadership roles and discover how to become more resilient when facing stigma and discrimination
2. Leading Patients’ Advocacy Organisations – practice how you can initiate changes within their organisations to fight against discrimination practices
3. Advocacy: Leading for influencing changes at the institutional level – develop advocacy strategy and plans in order to overcome discriminatory practices (ex.: work place)
4. Advocacy: Leading for influencing societal change – explore various real case studies about people rights movement across the world (ex.: women, disability, etc.) and their long-term efforts in changing misperceptions and prejudices and making impact in their own environments

During the sessions, participants will gain insight into the complexity of these issues and address them through interactive debates, group exercises and tailored concrete action plans that they can implement in their respective organizations and countries.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

You should apply if you meet all the following requirements:

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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:\Users\Selena\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Word\here) |
| **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) |
| **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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