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Joined in: April 2020 (age 25)

Country: Wales

Name of the Organization:

International Bureau for Epilepsy

About my Organization:

- Aims to improve the social condition and quality of life of people with epilepsy and those who care for them
- Addresses social issues faced by those affected by epilepsy, e.g. employment, education, insurance and public awareness
- Funds social improvement programs, creates the means for worldwide exchange of information
- Helps to set standards with an international policy-focus

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About me:

Hello! My name is Erin Davies and I was formally diagnosed with epilepsy in 2013. I had had a few tonic-clonic seizures as a child but they became more frequent when I started university. I was prescribed some AEDs (anti-epileptic drugs) and eventually came to accept my diagnosis. As the AEDs started to work and my seizures became less frequent, I became more and more involved in raising awareness of the condition and devoted my time to enhancing social understanding of the condition. I started to fundraise for epilepsy charities and soon found myself in consultation with politicians, working on national media campaigns and acting as guest-speaker at various conferences. I've been inspired by other advocates I have met and believe it's vitally important that people with disabilities feel safe, heard and accepted in society. My interest in employment and equality law has led me to pursue a career in recruitment and I'm proud to work as a Recruitment Co-ordinator for a humanitarian organization I joined the Youth Group in April 2020 and was excited by the prospect of becoming a young patient representative. For a long time, I have hoped to address some of the lesser-spoken about issues facing people with chronic illnesses, e.g. contraception and sexual health) and look forward to being able to do so as part of a fantastic European patient organization!