



Y+ Global Board Member - Call for Applications

Are you a young person living with HIV who is passionate about making a difference in your community, country, region, and globally? We are looking for committed youth advocates to join the Board of the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global).

Background

The Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global) was founded in 2013 as a youth program by the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+). In 2021, Y+ Global became independent and was legally registered in the Netherlands as a foundation. Y+ Global is the largest global network of young people living with HIV, spanning over 41 countries.

Our mission is to empower young people affected by HIV, giving them a voice in political and programmatic spaces. We advocate for their rights and health, bringing together youth from diverse backgrounds to connect with global decision-makers. We empower young leaders to design, lead, and manage programs addressing critical health and human rights issues, including HIV, TB, Malaria, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, and Gender-Based Violence. As advocates for young living with and affected by HIV and the LGBTQ+ community, we stand on the front line of the HIV and SRH response.

What is the role of the Board?

The role of the Y+ Global Board is to guide and strengthen the Y+ Global network and determine programmatic priorities; make decisions through a transparent process; ensure different communities of young people living with and affected by HIV from all regions are represented in Y+ Global decision-making; and strengthen the leadership of young people from all corners of the globe.

The Y+ Board consists of nine young leaders, all under 30 and living with HIV. The team works towards the network's vision and represents different regions.:

- West and Central Africa
- East and South Africa
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECCA)
- West and Central Europe
- Asia
- Oceania
- Latin America
- Caribbean
- North America

We are looking for committed youth advocates and leaders to join the Board of the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global) from the following regions:

1. Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA)
2. Europe
3. Asia

To apply, young leaders must be

- Under the age of 30 from the time of applying;
- Be a national/citizen from one of the countries in the regions listed above;
- Have a good command of the English language and be able to communicate at a comfortable level;
- Demonstrated experience working in national/regional HIV and SRH responses;
- Demonstrate experience working with youth-led or youth-serving organisations;
- Passionate about young people's empowerment, leadership, and their meaningful engagement in health and decision-making process;
- Able to commit to a two-year term on a voluntary contract;
- Be open-minded, culturally sensitive, and willing to work with others through an inclusive approach;
- Be a team player and contribute ideas that will strengthen Y+ Global as a leading organisation for young people living with and affected by HIV.

What are the benefits from applying?

- Serving as a board member at Y+ Global allows young leaders to network with other professionals, activists, and advocates in the field of global health, particularly in HIV/AIDS and SRH advocacy. This can lead to collaboration opportunities, mentorship, and future career prospects;
- Board members will have the chance to develop and enhance various skills such as leadership, communication, strategic planning, project management, advocacy, and decision-making through their involvement in board meetings and workshops and representing Y+ Global at various events;
- Being a board member provides access to exclusive workshops, training sessions, and educational resources aimed at developing leadership and advocacy skills, which can be valuable for personal and professional growth;
- By representing Y+ Global at meetings and events, young leaders have the opportunity to voice the concerns, perspectives, and needs of young people affected by HIV/AIDS on a global platform. This allows them to influence policies, programs, and decisions that impact the HIV/AIDS community worldwide;
- Serving on the board of Y+ Global can contribute to personal and professional growth by providing opportunities for self-reflection, learning, and development in a supportive and collaborative environment;
- Board members may gain visibility and recognition for their contributions and leadership, which can enhance their credibility, reputation, and future opportunities in their respective fields.

Key responsibilities and tasks

The Board's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Maintain ethical and transparent governance of Y+ Global;
- Oversee and support the implementation of the Y+ Globals' strategic plan;
- Attend virtual and face-to-face meetings of the Board and its working groups (a communications stipend will be given to board members to cover internet and data, and Y+ Global will cover all expenses for face-to-face meetings);
- Participate in developing and reviewing relevant policies related to the health, well-being, and rights of young people living with and affected by HIV;
- Connect with the youth-led and youth-serving organisations and network from their region;
- Champion the values and goals of Y+ Global and provide inputs into the strategic direction of the organisation;
- Disseminate updates from Y+ Global to national and national, regional and global networks;
- Provide regular updates regarding emerging issues, current work and opportunities, and provide quarterly written updates from the region they represent;
- Represent Y+ Global in meetings and events as needed, which are determined by the Board through a transparent participant selection process. After the meetings or event is concluded, Board members are expected to report back within two weeks;
- Provide technical support to networks of young people living with and affected by HIV networks to engage in local and global HIV responses based on evidence-based needs and gaps and develop a technical assistance (TA) plan for Y+ Global;
- Recruit and support senior members of the Y+ Global secretariat;
- Annually review strategic documents (including, but not limited to, Memorandums of Understanding, Work Plans, Terms of Reference, governance and protocols, etc.)

Timeline

Date	Activity
7 January 2025	Call for applications open
31 January 2024	Call for applications closes
15 - 28 February 2025	Review of applications
1 March 2025	Results announced

How to apply?

To apply to become a board member, fill out this form >> <https://forms.gle/hsrUDkQF3g7bhUy9> by **31 January 2025**. For more information, please contact chair@yplusglobal.org or visit <https://www.yplusglobal.org/>