



## Application Guidelines: 2021 Young leaders' digital space

*Are you a young person under 30 years of age living with or affected by HIV?*

*Are you affiliated with a youth-led, youth-enabling or youth-serving community-based organization?*

*Do you play a leadership role in your community?*

*Are you passionate about using digital technology to network, share and learn?*

If you answered yes to the above questions, you can apply to be one of **ten young leaders** driving a collective digital space to support young people.

### WHAT IS THE DIGITAL SPACE TO SUPPORT YOUNG LEADERS?

The IAS - International AIDS Society, Y+ Global, Youth RISE, ATHENA Network, The PACT, Adolescent HIV Treatment Coalition (ATC) and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation (EGPAF) have teamed up to build and facilitate a **collective digital space** that will be developed by young leaders and for young people.

Our goal is to co-create, curate and nurture a digital space for **young leaders living with or affected by HIV** that:

- ✓ is youth-led, youth-responsive, inclusive, accessible, sustainable and innovative;
- ✓ showcases youth leadership in all its diversity;
- ✓ links young people to organisations and resources tailored to their needs;
- ✓ provides capacity building, mentorship and networking opportunities; and
- ✓ promotes fundraising opportunities for young people.

We are looking for **TEN YOUNG LEADERS** to take part in the design process of this digital space.

### WHY SHOULD I APPLY TO BE A YOUNG LEADER?

As a young leader you will...

- ✓ Co-create a digital space for young people alongside a dedicated, tech-savvy and innovative group of young leaders, supported by a team of IT and design experts
- ✓ Launch the space at IAS 2021 Virtual, the world's most influential conference on HIV science
- ✓ Receive \$2000 for your time and to cover the costs of internet data
- ✓ Learn vital skills in communications, project management, and design
- ✓ Mentor the next cohort of young leaders.

### WHO CAN APPLY TO BE A YOUNG LEADER?

Young leaders must meet these selection criteria:

- ✓ Be between 18 and 29
- ✓ Be connected to a youth-led, youth-enabling or youth-serving organization working in the HIV response, either as a volunteer, employee or beneficiary



- ✓ Be creative, tech-savvy and passionate about the potential of digital technology to contribute to the HIV response
- ✓ Have a demonstrated commitment to the HIV response in your community
- ✓ Showcase strong leadership qualities
- ✓ Be agreeable to be featured in digital media (see [examples](#))
- ✓ Be available for full time working hours (8 hours per day) between **5-13 April** and **18-21 July 2021**
- ✓ Be available to take on ad hoc tasks and be an ambassador for the digital space (approximately 3 days total)
- ✓ Be available and willing to mentor the next cohort of young leaders in 2022 (approximately 5 days total).

Young people from key populations and low and middle income countries are particularly encouraged to apply.

### **HOW CAN I APPLY TO BE A YOUNG LEADER?**

Please apply by submitting the following by **23:59 CET Sunday 7th March 2021**:

1. Create a video, audio recording, essay or graphic that tells us WHY you want to be a young leader and demonstrates that you meet ALL of the above selection criteria. You can do this in any medium you would like – we encourage you to get creative! Audio and video clips should not exceed 2 minutes and essays and graphics should not exceed 1 page.
2. Include your latest CV (maximum 2 pages)
3. Include a one-page written peer-reference from a colleague, friend or family member who can speak to your leadership skills and tell us why we should select you as a young leader.

Complete applications should be sent to [YouthVoices@iasociety.org](mailto:YouthVoices@iasociety.org). Only applicants who have demonstrated the selection criteria will be considered.

**Deadline for applications is 23:59 CET Sunday 7th March 2021.**

### **HOW WILL THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?**

Once the call for applications has closed, your application will be scored based on how successfully you demonstrated the selection criteria. The top scoring applications will then go through to the final round where we will convene the partners to discuss and agree the ten young leaders for 2021, taking into account diversity of representation.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission by mid-March.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Any questions or queries related to this call for submissions should be addressed to [YouthVoices@iasociety.org](mailto:YouthVoices@iasociety.org).