

YOUTH ACTIVIST ADVOCATES SCOPING PROJECT

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Background

- Insufficient youth engagement in activism and advocacy
- Need to identify barriers to youth involvement
- Identify solutions to these barriers
- Get response from all identifiable partners in the HIV response government, global funders, NGOs, youth led organizations and other activists

Methods

- 24 Interviews were conducted with representatives from 24 organizations.
- An online survey aimed at YPLHIV with responses polled from all regions in the world.
- Social media (Twitter) Q and A with activists and community advocates to get their responses on the issues.
- The responses were collated and analysed and then presented at a global 3-day roundtable meeting held in London where 17 young people attended.
- Consultation with young delegates at the IAS conference in Amsterdam for further engagement.

Results



Adult networks/
civil society



UN, Bilateral &
Government



Service providers /
implementing
organisations



Funders



Youth
Organisations

34 recommendations to 5 key stakeholder groups

Action plans

- Ethical guidelines for engagement of YPLHIV
- Youth led funding position paper
- Global training program for YPLHIV to include science, policy, research and advocacy.

Conclusions

- The lack of YPLHIV at a decision-making level and a lack of transparency in how decisions about YPLHIV are made, needs to be addressed with non-tokenistic representation at all levels.
- Support should be offered through advice, mentoring and skills developing.

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