



YOUTH PROGRAMME CHIEF RAPPORTEUR AT AIDS 2008

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Mexico City 3-8th August

Deadline for Applications – June 20th, 2008

- **Are you actively engaged in the response to HIV and AIDS?**
- **Are you a young person who believes that youth are an essential part of the action and solution to HIV and AIDS?**
- **Do you enjoy actively listening to presentations, lectures and debates, participating in conferences and analyzing what has been presented?**

If so, you should consider applying to be the Chief Main Youth Rapporteur at the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City. This rewarding position requires a committed, well-organized and focused young person¹ who can work under pressure. Read on for more information about this incredible opportunity.

What is the role of the Youth Rapporteur?

The Youth Rapporteur will play a critical role in documenting and promoting young people's participation and achievements at the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City. The Main Youth Rapporteur will be responsible to coordinate a Youth Rapporteur Team, which will be comprised of two other Assistant Youth Rapporteurs.

The Youth Rapporteur team is entirely dedicated to recording and providing a youth perspective on the proceedings and presentations at the conference. The Youth Rapporteur team will prepare informative, independent reports on the conference sessions, which will serve the needs of researchers, clinical investigators, health care providers, program coordinators, organizational Directors, young people and community representatives alike. Within these reports, the Youth Rapporteur team will document and report on the needs and voices of young people, including suggestions on the way forward, and with consideration of the challenges and issues faced by young people around the world. This initiative encourages more meaningful inclusion and participation of young people in the conference as well as better youth representation in the global dialogue. The reports made by the youth rapporteur are communicated to the conference subcommittees all conference participants and to others around the world.

¹ A person between the age of 15 – 29 yrs.



Main Youth Rapporteur Profile:

- Between 15 – 29 yrs.
- Well-organized
- Believes in the important role of young people in combating HIV and AIDS
- Strong writing skills
- Able to work under pressure
- A team player with demonstrated coordination skills
- Responsible
- Respectful of timelines
- Involved in the HIV and AIDS youth movement
- Ability to analyze, summarize diverse perspectives and messages
- Previous international conference experience is an asset
- Ability to speak and write in English and Spanish is preferred

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and supervise the Youth Rapporteur team
- Able and willing to dedicate time leading up to the conference in preparation for the role as Rapporteur (approximately five hours a week)
- Collaborate with the youth rapporteur team to develop a daily coverage plan of all youth related plenary sessions, non-abstract driven sessions and oral and poster abstract sessions. This plan should reflect the values identified by the youth force and determined in e-consultations.
- Ensure that all reports of assigned sessions are received on a daily basis
- Synthesize reports into a daily summary for distribution to various media groups, the Conference newspaper, and to be posted on the website.
- Produce a final summary on the last day of the Conference along with a final report to be submitted in the weeks following the conference.
- Present highlights of the final report in at the Conference Closing Ceremony.

How to Apply:

Please respond to each of the following questions in 200 words or less.

1. Why would you like to be the Mexico 2008 International AIDS Conference Main Youth Rapporteur?
2. Why do you believe the role of Youth Rapporteur is important?
3. What does the phrase 'meaningful participation and inclusion of young people in the response to HIV and AIDS' mean to you?
4. What makes you a good candidate for this position?
5. What are some of the strategies you will use to ensure that you will successfully manage the roles and responsibilities of Youth Rapporteur?



Please send your answers along with your CV and a writing sample to heatherclairemcmullen@gmail.com by **June 20th**. If selected, you will be expected to dedicate time to prepare prior to the conference. This is estimated to be approximately 5 hours a week. You will also need to remain in regular communication with the Mexico Youth Force's Main Conference Sub-Committee. Some costs will be covered but the Youth Rapporteur will be encouraged to search for alternative sources of funding.

Please note that the deadline for submissions is the 20th of June. A confirmation of application will be sent upon receipt of application and the chosen candidate will be notified before June 30th, 2008

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!