

WORLD AIDS DAY 2020 WATCHDOG: GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Recognizing 1st December as World AIDS Day (WAD), the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and The PACT are calling on all young people to speak up and show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS.

The 2020 WAD global focus theme is GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.

Global solidarity and shared responsibility requires us to view global health responses, including the AIDS response, in a new way.

We hope that this focus issue on global solidarity and shared responsibility will encompass issues such as:

- U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable)
- Medicines & Service Access
- Stigma

The YCSRR and The PACT are pleased to take up this theme, with a focus on young people, and open the call for submissions for our 2020 WAD Watchdog!

Submit Your Art and Writing:

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) and The PACT are calling on all young people under 30 years old to submit original artwork (drawings, posters, infographics, pictures, postcards, videos, etc) and original writing (articles, stories, poetry) on the theme “global solidarity and shared responsibility” for the 2020 *Watchdog* WAD publication! Selected artistic submissions will also be featured on the YCSRR and The PACT website and used during the YCSRR social media campaign during WAD. While we strongly encourage participants to submit work on the theme of AIDS global solidarity and shared responsibility (subtopics listed below), any work about the experiences of young people living with or affected by HIV is welcome.

Suggested submission subtopics include (but are not limited to):

- How Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) deals with HIV?



- How COVID19 affected your HIV services?
- What changes (both positive and negative) have occurred in HIV prevention and treatment in your country due to COVID-19?
- What are the main issues or barriers for people living with HIV that require urgent change in your country and community? (e.g. political, cultural, religious barriers)
- How do certain policies endanger the health, lives and dignity of people living with HIV?
- What good policies and best practices do you have in your country relating to HIV and AIDS?
- How can families best support children/young people living with HIV?
- What are your experiences of rejection/discrimination or acceptance/support when it comes to the HIV & AIDS?
- What does your ideal future look like for people living with HIV in your country and community?
- Sex working and HIV

Each participant can submit up to three original submissions:

- The format of image files must be JPG.
- Videos should not exceed a length of five minutes and must meet the requirements found here: <http://vimeo.com/help/compression>. The selected videos will be shared on December 1st and a photo of the video will be included, with a description, in the Watchdog.
- Each participant can submit up to three original pieces of writing. Writing is welcome in **English, French, or Spanish** and should be submitted as a word doc. Submissions should not exceed 1 page single spaced (600 words).

Submission Requirements:

- All content must be original with all necessary copyright permissions. Content with copyright violations (including but not limited to background music used without permission or copyrighted images appearing in photograph/video) will not be considered.
- Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- All entries must align with the YCSRR Principles and Values. Entries with homophobic or otherwise discriminatory content will not be considered, without exception.
- Submissions from both professional and non-professionals are welcome.
- All content submitted must be created entirely by a person or group of people under 30 years old, without exception.
- Please include your full name , country of citizenship/residence and date of birth with your submission.



- Submissions may be submitted anonymously and/or published under a pseudonym to allow for confidentiality.

Deadline for Submissions:

Please send your submissions to watchdog@youthcoalition.org with “WAD Submission” in the subject line no later than **November 15, 2020**.

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) is an international organization of young people (ages 18-29 years) committed to promoting adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive rights at the national, regional and international levels. We are students, researchers, lawyers, health care professionals, educators, development workers, and most importantly: we are all dedicated activists.

The PACT is a global coalition of over 100 youth-led and youth serving organisations working at the national, regional, and international levels to push forward the youth agenda within the global HIV response.

