



JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO END AIDS AND FIGHT FOR HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

- Develop your campaigning skills
- Meet like-minded people
- Advocate directly to MPs and others
- Gain experience in global health advocacy

<https://youthstopaids.org>

WHO WE ARE

Youth Stop AIDS (YSA) is a UK-based, youth-led movement campaigning on issues surrounding HIV and AIDS.

Power

As a network of University and regional-based groups, we have a firm belief in the power of young people to make change in the world and we strive to support and upskill young people in their campaigning.

Passion

We are fuelled by a passion to end AIDS by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 3, and believe that it is immoral and unjust to ignore the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS. We fight for LGBTQ+ rights and the rights of key and vulnerable populations.

Activism

Our campaigning consists of three main aims: **zero new HIV transmissions, zero HIV related stigma and discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.** To achieve these aims we campaign and lobby, our activism being carried out across many levels, from university campuses to Parliamentary meetings. We lobby in three main areas – for access to medicines for all, for continued funding in the global response to HIV and AIDS, and in advocacy of human rights.



JOIN US!

As a campaigner you will:



Take direct action

Stunts, protests and demonstrations are great for grabbing the attention of the media and the people making the decisions we want to influence. Our campaigners run their own local publicity actions and take part in nationally organised stunts too.



Lobby

We train our campaigners so that they feel confident to attend meetings with their elected MPs (Member of Parliament) and MSPs (Member of Scottish Parliament) , either in their Constituency or in Parliament itself.



Spread the word

We reach out to the public to increase awareness of the problems around HIV and AIDS and change negative attitudes towards people affected by HIV. We get their support for our public campaigns, gathering signatures for action cards, petitions, taking photographs, and speaking out online on social media and traditional media too.



Organise locally

As individuals or as part of a network, we hold film screenings, fundraise and reach out to community, youth and HIV & AIDS groups.

JOIN US AS A GROUP LEADER

We're looking for new Youth Stop AIDS Leaders & Community Organisers to lead our network at the local level by **establishing** and **coordinating new** university societies or local groups in the UK.

So if you're passionate about **global health**, challenging injustice and want to be a leader in our movement to end AIDS by 2030, then look no further! Most of our campaigners are aged 18-32 but if you're not part of this age range and would still like to get involved then let us know!

For more information [visit our website](#) or contact our YSA Coordinator Chimbu at: chimbu@restlessdevelopment.org.

[Sign up to be a group leader here](#)

[Sign up to be a YSA campaigner here](#)



WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

The Youth Stop AIDS Steering Committee are here to help you in your campaigning and volunteering. Here's some of the feedback from current committee members and regional coordinators:



Benjamin Feist (he/him) Steering Committee member

"I got involved with Youth Stop AIDS over 5 years ago because HIV/AIDS is a global leading killer and yet it is wholly preventable. The complex intertwined social, economic, political, and scientific factors are both fascinating and frustrating."

Molly Cliff (she/her) – Southern England Coordinator

"I am really excited to get involved with Youth Stop Aids and support the amazing youth-led campaigns, advocating for key global health change"



Kim Austen (she/her) – YSA Communications Officer

"I love volunteering with YSA because it gives me the opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people and make a real impact through our campaigns"

Ali Gibson (any/all) – Uni Groups Officer

"Youth Stop AIDS is a real youth-led movement with such an important cause at the centre. Campaigning for governments, global health organisations and international companies to end AIDS, something we know is physically possible, is something incredible to get involved with."



Sally Hamilton (she/her) – Inclusion and Diversity Officer

"I am passionate about reducing gaps of inequality if we are to end AIDS by 2030. YSA exemplifies the need to push and confront issues. I believe that the integrity within the organisation will make a honest and beneficial difference to many across the world."

Lauren Mole (she/they) – YSA Northern England Coordinator

"I joined YSA through my university, and have loved being involved ever since. I have made friends for life, and enjoy campaigning to end HIV and AIDS stigma."



Chimbu Chinda (she/her) – YSA Coordinator

"I enjoy being a part of YSA because I have the opportunity to take action for HIV in so many different ways, and I get to encourage and watch other young people do the same."

WORLD AIDS DAY

An upcoming opportunity for you to take part is World AIDS Day, which takes place every year on the 1st December. Each year we remember the millions who have died from AIDS-related illnesses, stand in solidarity with those living and affected by HIV and strengthen our commitment to fighting HIV and ending AIDS. Here are a few of the many events you can take part in:



Join us in Victoria Park, London on the 26th November for one of the biggest HIV community events of the year! A 10k/5k charity fun run OR walk! Raising awareness and vital funds for HIV charities. Sign up now and [register here](#).



Join us for the Santa in the City run! Starting at 7.00 pm by the Tate Modern, London run the 4.5km festive fun run on either the 7th OR 8th December 2022. STOPAIDS have 25 places - email Olivia to secure your spot! olivia@stopaids.org.uk



Fundraise in your local area Whether it's running, cycling, baking, hosting a live music night, a film screening... you name it - for any support please reach out to the YSA Coordinator: chimbu@restlessdevelopment.org



Join us in Parliament Square, London On the morning of the 30th November we'll be handing out ribbons to parliamentarians .