

Dear David Sergeenko,

On behalf of the Amsterdam Youth Force, we would like to invite you to the International AIDS Conference 2018 Global Village and Youth Programme. The 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS2018) which will be held in Amsterdam in July 2018. It is the largest conference on any global health issue in the world. First gathered during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985, it continues to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights

The Amsterdam Youth Force (AYF) is a vibrant coalition of young people working together to ensure the participation of young people in the lead up to and during AIDS 2018 and as a central part of the renewed HIV/AIDS response. In doing so, the AYF aims to give young people of all key populations the global platform to make their voices heard. Their main focus is on the de-stigmatization of HIV/AIDS. Moreover, they also concentrate on linking sexual health and reproductive rights with emphasis on realizing the sustainable development goals and the promotion of overall comprehensive knowledge of Sexual and Reproductive Health.

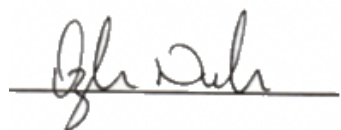
Despite decades of feminist activism, men still possess the majority of leadership positions worldwide. In 2016 only 22.8% of all parliamentarians globally were women and in the business sector it is hardly any better with only 24% of senior business roles held by women. Gender inequalities are one of the root causes of HIV: Young women are twice as likely to acquire HIV as young men! We should empower male leaders to stand up for women's rights and follow through!

The AYF is organizing a Global Village session called #HeForShe town hall, to bring young activists together with leaders and policy makers to shape the future policies to make inequality a thing of the past. The debate will focus on girls and women's rights and what can be done to improve the policies around the world. A panel of leaders will be questioned on their policies and will have the platform to showcase their commitment to improve young girls and women's right. Audience members will participate through questions and online through a Twitter wall. There will be a closing session with female leaders to highlight their policies on women and girls. This will allow for a comparison between male and female leadership. This interaction will raise awareness among leaders that being a feminist leader is more than just wearing a HeForShe pin.

The Debate will take place on 24 July 2018 from 14:30-16:00. The AYF would like to invite you to be a panel member in this session. We hope you will join us in Amsterdam during this important event and help us make the voices of youth heard.

I hope to hear from you soon.
Yours sincerely

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