

SPEAKERS

Young People as Actors in Sexual Health Love matters – We matter

Vithika Yadav, *Love Matters India*. Sexual Pleasure: the Missing Link between Sexual Health and Sexual Rights



Vithika Yadav is an anti-slavery, sexual rights and gender rights activist. She is the Head of Love Matters India, which is the first ever digital program in India to give complete, honest and unbiased information on love, sex and relationships, in other words sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in Hindi and English language. She is also one of the 120 under 40 New Generation of Family Planning leaders in the world.

Marlon Jost, *Youth against AIDS*. We are the generation to end AIDS – but how?



Marlon Jost (23 years old) is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Youth against AIDS, a fully youth led organisation which finds new solutions to educate young people about sexual health topics. From festival activities to conferences or condom vending machines for schools or digital platforms - no idea is too crazy not to try it and facilitate it for the cause of Youth against AIDS.

Juan Francisco Ramirez Flores, *Fondacion Vencer, Paraguay*, supported by Swiss Red Cross, Love Matters – Family Matters



Juan Francisco is a social work student, works as a counsellor living with HIV for the Vencer Foundation, contributing to the fight against stigma, discrimination, access to comprehensive, friendly health information, and is also an activist for the creation of the youth and adolescents network living with HIV in Paraguay with the aim of contributing to stopping stigma and discrimination against young people living with HIV, disseminating updated information on sexual and reproductive rights, creating a more inclusive society free of discrimination and social protection by public policies created with the accompaniment of young people living with HIV.

Leeroy Lewis Sibanda, *Million Memory Project Zimbabwe (MMPZ)* A Buddy for Life: How Peer-to-Peer Support can Improve ARV Adherence in Young People



I am a young man aged 20 born in a family of 3 and I am the first born in my family. I stay in Mpopoma where I live with my two siblings. I did my primary school education at Mpumelelo primary school. Then I did my ordinary level at Sizane high school, after which I did my Advanced level at Msiteli high school. I am currently working at Million Memory Project Zimbabwe. I became a part of MMPZ in November 2017. I was a peer educator at Msiteli high school and I was also a member in the school's AIDS action club where we worked with youths from MMPZ in disseminating information about HIV and SRHR related issues. When I finished my Advanced level I decided to go and volunteer at MMPZ so as to join other young people involved in youth led initiatives and interventions. I am a hardworking, responsible, self-motivated and creative individual. I have attained these virtues and such skills as problem solving, team building, leadership, facilitation and effective decision making during my participation in impact clubs like lead us today, interact, debate and public speaking, AIDS action club as well as my involvement with organizations like MMPZ and Restless development. Leadership positions like being a head boy in primary school and a senior prefect at high school have also reinforced such skills and virtues. I am working on going to university to attain a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree. I am hoping to become a human rights lawyer after I finish my university education because I want to advocate for dependable and favourable living conditions for people without access to internationally agreed rights so as to enhance their inclusion and participation social development and to end deprivation of basic rights to marginalized communities.

Florian Vock, *Swiss Aids Federation*, Challenge society with young queer activists



Florian Vock is a project manager of the Swiss Aids Federation. He is responsible for prevention campaigns in Switzerland aimed at MSM (men who have sex with men). His focus is on young people. As an activist, he co-founded Milchjugend in 2012, now the largest queer youth organisation in Switzerland.

Samira Marti, *member of the Swiss National Council*, How a Youth Movement Can Change Swiss Politics



Samira Marti (25) is a social-democratic politician and the youngest national council in Switzerland. She entered politics at the age of seventeen, when the cantonal government announced huge cuts for public services, especially for education issues. She then joined the Social Democratic Party and the Young Socialists Switzerland. Besides parliament, she's doing her master in Economics at University of Zurich and is President of the Public Service Union (vpod) in Basel.

Noëmi Grütter, *Sexual Health Switzerland and youth advocate*, Let's Talk About Sex... Education



Noemi Grütter, 23 years old, is a passionate human rights activist for women's rights and committed to youth issues. She studied international politics and law in Geneva. In 2016 she became the UN Youth Delegate of Switzerland. Within this mandate, she represented the Swiss Youth to the United Nations and was a part of the official Swiss delegation at the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. Currently she is working for Amnesty International in the campaigning section regarding the human rights issues of women's rights. She is the co-president of Sexual Health Switzerland, the umbrella organization for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Switzerland. She co-created the Youth Network of Sexual Health Switzerland and is coordinating its actions, campaigns and communications. Next to this she is a passionate dancer and developed dance projects in refugee camps with young people in Greece, Colombia, Bolivia and Switzerland

Margaret Daramola, human rights activist and public speaker



My name is Margaret Daramola I was born in Nigeria, but raised in Switzerland. I study English literature and History at the French gymnasium in Biel. I'm a spoken word poet and a public speaker. My poems are very diverse, however, I have a tendency of addressing human rights issues and inequalities implemented by our society. I've had the privilege to perform spoken word poetry in multiple countries. In 2018 I was the Swiss representative at the global young leaders conference in America. (GYLC). And I am also the first runner up of miss Africa Switzerland. It was after obtaining that title that I began my FGM project on which I am currently working.

Elizabeth Nash, Moderator



Elizabeth Nash was born in Vancouver, Canada where she studied Social Anthropology and Human Geography at the University of Victoria and then went on to a MSc in Development Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Working for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Canadian international development projects overseas, and on United Nations high-level inter-agency and civil society planning and policy committees, has instilled in Elizabeth an interdisciplinary approach to human rights and gender equality. She has lived in northern Ghana, Guatemala City, Geneva and New York where she worked on gender equality in the education and health sectors. She has represented a global civil society organization at the UN and championed the human rights of women, young women and girls in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She is currently a development consultant in Geneva focusing on young people's leadership, human rights, and gender equality, specifically in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights.