

BECOME A GLOBAL EPILEPSY LEADER



Develop your leadership.



Amplify your voice.



Drive change for people
with epilepsy worldwide.





Global Epilepsy Leaders (GEL) Programme

The Global Epilepsy Leaders Programme will develop a global network of confident, connected epilepsy leaders who translate knowledge, lived experience, and collaboration into measurable improvements in advocacy, policy, public awareness, and systems change.



Empower: Equip epilepsy advocates and chapter representatives with the skills, experience, and confidence to become leaders in the epilepsy field at national, regional and global levels.



Connect: Create a powerful global epilepsy community, fostering collaboration, co-creation, friendship, solidarity, and mutual support.



What to **expect** from the programme

The programme begins with the **Core Modules**, which all students will undertake, followed by a selection of **Specialist Modules**, which each student will choose and tailor to their own priorities and interests.

This tailored approach creates a more individualised experience, where aspiring leaders can focus on the areas of learning that will bring them closer to their advocacy goals, whether that is as an individual advocate or an IBE chapter leader.

Programme outcomes:

Understanding the Landscape

- The science and history of epilepsy
- IBE as an organisation
- Global & public health
- The Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders (IGAP)
- Health systems

Finding Your Voice

- Communication skills
- Telling your story
- Public speaking
- Building confidence and resilience
- Lived experience

Building Influence

- Advocacy
- Media engagement
- Policy and engaging with policymakers
- Stakeholder engagement
- Science communication

Leading Change

- Good governance
- Strategic thinking
- Organisational leadership
- Project management
- Resource mobilisation

Creating Impact

- Leadership Project
- Implementation
- Reflection
- Measuring outcomes
- Sharing learning

How will the **Global Epilepsy Leaders** benefit?



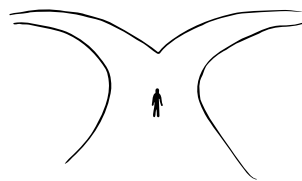
CONNECTIONS & COLLABORATIONS

IBE's global platform gives GEL participants the opportunity to interact & work with advocates & epilepsy leaders around the world.



PRACTICAL TOOLS & TRAINING

Our assignment-based model means you get hands-on experience turning principles into real-world practice, with support & feedback from tutors.



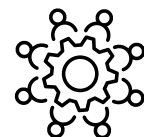
CHOOSE YOUR OWN PATH

The individualised programme means you gain knowledge and skills in the areas you want, while building on a solid foundation of core learning.



LEAD WITH CONFIDENCE

One of the programme's main focuses is to help you build your confidence with practical skills and mindful techniques.



DRIVE PROGRESS

You'll understand how systems work & who the key stakeholders are, helping you drive real change.

Who should apply?

No matter where you are in your epilepsy advocacy journey, the Global Epilepsy Leaders Programme could be for you. This programme is for people with **lived experience of epilepsy** who would like to develop their leadership skills as an epilepsy advocate and/ or work with IBE chapters. You must have **access to a computer & the internet**, including Zoom, email, and powerpoint software. You must be able to **communicate in the English language**.

Time commitment

The Global Epilepsy Leaders programme is a **12-15-month commitment**, requiring up to **10 hours per month** (1-3 hours per week on average) for virtual activities such as individual tasks (watching module recordings, completing assignments such as writing tasks, presentation development/ delivery, or individual projects) and group tasks (virtual group meetings/ training sessions, group projects and group workshops). **The programme will start in October 2026.**

Learning style

This programme is a fully **virtual e-learning programme**. Lectures are typically **pre-recorded** & uploaded to our **Moodle** platform, along with any relevant assignments. There are semi-regular **live meetings & lectures** (via Zoom) to connect as a group & give you the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and get to know your tutors & fellow Leaders. As well as your module lecturers, there will also be a series of **guest lectures and webinars** throughout the programme.

Why should you apply?

What our pilot cohort had to say about the programme



“Through learning about the International Bureau for Epilepsy, its mission, structure, and global chapters, I now feel connected to a worldwide movement creating impact for people living with epilepsy.”

Fred, Kenya

“Collaborating with and learning from international advocates, expanding my knowledge of the impacts, experiences, and barriers to care that exist in the global epilepsy community, becoming a more knowledgeable and confident epilepsy advocate.”

Cassie, USA



“Developing a deeper understanding of epilepsy through modules, discussions and assignments, connecting with inspiring participants and expanding my international network, gaining practical skills that I can immediately apply in my advocacy work.”

Mariola, Poland



“The amazing course structure that was carefully designed with clear and accessible language, yet it deeply explored the content and provided tools to better advocate for epilepsy.”

Aline, Brazil



Shape the future of epilepsy advocacy:

To apply, please complete this form. 



The form requires you to submit a motivational statement and an optional video submission. Detailed information on what you need to cover in your application is provided within the form.



DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS:
SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access the application form.



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