



IDF Europe Staff Exchange Programme 2018 Call for applications

For the 8th consecutive year, IDF Europe is continuing its **Staff Exchange Programme**. If you are working or volunteering for an IDF Member in Europe, apply for this unique opportunity to join the IDF Europe staff and work in Brussels as a “staff member on loan” in a dynamic and international atmosphere for a duration of **3 to 6 months**.

The successful applicant will have the chance to:

- Contribute to on-going advocacy, membership activities and projects managed by IDF Europe
- Help foster improved relations with European Members
- Represent IDF Europe at events and conferences
- Help in the organisation of meetings and congresses and preparing material for those events

For IDF Europe, the programme is also an opportunity to gain very valuable insight into the work and projects carried out by our Members, and to look at ways to strengthen the collaboration with our membership.

In 2017, two young advocates joined us for the Staff Exchange Programme, **Rachel Portelli** from **Malta** and **Weronika Kowalska** from **Poland**. This is what they have to say about their experience:

“As a social policy graduate and a person living with type 1 diabetes for the past 20 years, I had dreamed of working in an environment such as that of IDF Europe – The staff exchange programme is so much more than I ever expected! During my stay at IDF Europe, I was involved in the youth group, attended a number of conferences, and been involved in several meetings with IBM regarding Watson Analytics. I was also involved in the preparation of World Diabetes Day. Together with other staff members, a “call for diabetes” from young advocates to Members of the European Parliament was prepared. I was also given the opportunity to attend the event held at the European Parliament in Strasbourg where an afternoon debate was held. I was able to see and be a part of all the work done behind the scenes to hold such an event which is so much more than I ever expected. “

Rachel Portelli, Malta



“The International Diabetes Federation Europe Staff Exchange Programme is a valuable experience, which helps develop skills, improve knowledge and strengthens ties. I attended the IDF Europe Youth Leadership Camp in 2016 as a participant where I got to know the organization better and found out the possible ways of engaging in various activities in the diabetes community. I was interested in joining the IDF Europe office in Brussels for a 6-month internship to support European diabetes projects and gain experience working in a non-profit organisation with such a multinational team. During my time at the office I was mainly responsible for graphic designs and helping with Social Media analysis and strategies, since I am professional Designer and Online Marketing Specialist. My biggest project was designing a diabetes exhibition which was presented in EU institutions such as the European Commission in Brussels and European Committee of the Regions during World Diabetes Day events. I was also involved in preparations for this year's Youth Leadership Camp in Romania where I had the opportunity to conduct workshops about Communication and Social Media for Campaigning for participants - it gives a totally different perspective on the Camp. I think that International Diabetes Federation Europe Staff Exchange Programme will be a rich experience for any young diabetes advocate who wants to know more about diabetes environment and make a change for people living with diabetes in Europe.”

Weronika Kowalska, Poland

How to apply:

Send your CV and letter of motivation to idfeurope@idf-europe.org.

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