

## **CALL FOR ESSAYS: Y+ SUMMIT 2021**

Since 2017, the Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS (UNYPA) has been organizing the Y+ Summit to bring together young leaders, young people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS, policy makers and other key influential stakeholders to dialogue on possible strategies of empowering and building an enabling environment for young people living with HIV in Uganda. Over 2,253 young people have been engaged, empowered and mentored thru the Y+ Summit since then.

### **Summary:**

**The Y+ Summit 2021 is here, bigger and Better!** With the Theme; **“Opening Opportunities for Young People Living with HIV”** UNYPA invites all young people living with and affected by HIV to submit reflection pieces in the form of Short Essays on the topic, **“My Y+ Summit Experience”**. **How has the summit modelled you into a youth leader or improved your Advocacy and Leadership Skills?**

The essay should entail any of the following;

- i. Most memorable moments at the Y+ Summit and why they stand out?
- ii. How the Y+ Summit Changed my Life?

### **Format Guidelines**

The essays should:

1. Be written in English
2. Represent the original work piece of the author(s);
3. Not exceed 350 - 750 words in length (Words should be limited within this range).
4. Be saved in a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx)
5. The File name should be (Y+ Summit Essay Contest - Your Name).
6. Each participant may only submit one Essay and win one award.

All submitted Essays will be evaluated by an independent qualified team of writers based on the following criteria:

- **Content Relevancy to Youth leadership, Advocacy, and Movement Building.**
- **Grammar, Punctuation and spelling.**
- **Organization and Style of writing.**

The winners to be selected will be two (Male and Female) and will be determined based on the editors' team evaluation.

Prizes up for Grabs: Winners will walk away with a fully paid package to participate in the Y+ Summit, gift award and a lunch with a UNYPA Staff of their Choice.

The best Essays will also be published on the UNYPA Website <https://unypa.org/>

All Essays MUST be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 11:59 PM to email; [info@unypa.org](mailto:info@unypa.org)

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - Y+ SUMMIT 2021.**

The Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS (UNYPA) is pleased to invite young people to submit abstracts for oral, workshop or poster presentations, to be delivered at the fifth Y+ Summit 2021 under the theme; **Opening Opportunities for Young People Living with HIV**. The Summit will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 in Kampala and will revolve around three sub-themes. Abstract applicants are invited to write on any of the sub themes following the Abstract template given and **MUST** ensure that each section is filled.

### **NOTE:**

### **UPDATE Abstract Template: SECTION C (Have two Options for Abstracts)**

**Kindly include the Notes as in brackets to guide the Abstract Applicants.**

#### **Option1: (Most suitable for Scientific Research Abstracts)**

- 1. Title** (Title of the Research Study)
- 2. Background** (Indicate purpose and objectives of the research clearly stating the problem statement of the issue being evaluated).
- 3. Methods** (Describe the Location of the study, population involved, data collection and analysis methods used).
- 4. Results** (Briefly and clearly state the findings/outcomes from the study, include gender data break down if possible).
- 5. Conclusions and Recommendations** (Briefly discuss the data and main outcomes from the study. Emphasize the significance of the study to HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment and future implications of the study results).

#### **Option 2: (Most suitable for Innovative Initiative Based Abstracts)**

- 1. Title:** (Title of Initiative).
- 2. Issues** (Briefly explain a summary of issues being addressed by the Initiative).
- 3. Description** (Describe the Initiative, Project, Service or Advocacy Experience).
- 4. Lessons Learnt** (Briefly state implications of the initiative and highlight data targets met to support your evidence Eg; People reached, Policy makers involved etc).
- 5. Conclusion** (Briefly explain why your initiative stands out and how innovative it is).

### **1) Gender and mental Health Integration for YPLHIVs.**

The theme recognizes that HIV prevention and Treatment efforts among young people living with HIV require not just a clinical approach but also the urgent need to address gender inequalities, social-cultural drives of violence on girls and young women, and related mental Health Challenges among young people which drive new HIV infections and affect the effective adherence, retention to care and treatment. The COVID-19 pandemic gave rise to very many significant risks of Gender related violence and Mental Health challenges among communities of young people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in Uganda and around the world.

The theme shall focus on promoting the urgent need for integration of HIV/SRH/GBV services while borrowing lessons from best practices and researches, identifying untapped opportunities from different initiatives around Gender and mental Health Programming for young people and why these are important in improving the quality of life of young people living with HIV.

### **2) Innovations for increased access to services amidst COVID19; Impacts of COVID19 on YPLHIVs and SRH programming.**

The theme recognizes the effects of the COVID19 Pandemic on HIV/AIDS and SRHR Programming and how it threatens to reverse the progress made in ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030. The pandemic further worsened incidences of Gender based Violence, Teenage pregnancies and related violence on girl and women which have had a major challenge on their Sexual and Reproductive Health not forgetting the stigmatization and discrimination of many living with HIV.

This theme will focus on understanding the future implications of the COVID19 pandemic relating to its effects on HIV/SRH programming, sharing innovative initiatives and best practices used by communities, Young people to effectively respond to mitigating the impact of COVID19 on young people's SRH and challenges encountered in accessing service during this period and how to sustain such initiatives.

### **3) The Quality of Life of Young People Living with HIV.**

The major focus of the theme is on promoting awareness about the Fourth 90 "The Quality of Life of People Living with HIV" not forgetting how the other three 90's are key contributors to the achievement of this target. The theme will aim at brainstorming best practices on how to improve Self-care, mental health awareness, proper nutrition for young people living with HIV, building supportive support systems, the role of Parents and Care-takers in supporting effective adherence for YPLHIVs and the implication of HIV criminalization policies on the quality of life of YPLHIVs.

### **Abstract Submission Guidelines**

1. All Abstracts **MUST** be written in English.
2. All Abstracts **MUST** be prepared according to the abstract template provided.
3. Abstracts submitted must represent originality, provide reference and recognize photos/quotes of individuals used.
4. The deadline for submission of all Abstracts ends on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 11:59pm.
5. Incomplete Abstracts or late submissions will not be accepted.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before preparing your abstract, and ensure that all your contact information is accurate. You will receive a confirmation email, once your Abstract is submitted.