

Regional Youth Champions

Digital Transformations for Health Lab

Regional Youth Champions are key partners in the DTH-Lab's work. This partnership derives from the previous experiences and lessons learned in [meaningfully engaging young people](#) during the Lancet and Financial Times Commission. With well-established connections to youth networks at the regional and local level across a range of disciplines, the Champions elevate the scope and scale of the youth engagement work of the Lab.

The overarching goal of the cohort is to support young people at the local and regional level to become informed and enfranchised digital health citizens, co-creators of digital first health systems and innovative thought leaders with the skills and capacities to be key stakeholders in the governance of the digital transformation of health.

By leading concerted efforts that capture and reflect the diverse views and experiences of young people within the activities and outputs of the DTH-Lab, RYC connect the work of the Lab to the regional and local level as well as bring the voice of youth from their regions to the work of the Lab.

Regional Representation

There are a total of 10 RYC representing seven different regions based on the groupings used by the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) including:

1. Sub-Saharan Africa
2. Northern Africa and Western Asia
3. Central and Southern Asia
4. Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
5. Latin America and the Caribbean
6. Australia, New Zealand and Oceania
7. Europe and Northern America

General areas of work

The cohort of Regional Youth Champions plays a pivotal role in advancing the work of the Lab by promoting findings and initiatives, fostering community engagement, and facilitating knowledge exchange.

RYC contribute to the DTH-Lab's workstream objectives:

1. Create and promote the adoption of a **blueprint for digital first health systems** that are co-designed and governed by young people, are responsive to their health needs, and strengthen digital health citizenship.
2. Support implementation of a framework for governing health futures that provides governments, technology companies and other stakeholders with guidance on how to build a **trusted and inclusive governance architecture** based on data solidarity and Health for All values.

3. Share research and create a sustainable platform to engage governments, technology companies, youth organisations/networks and other key actors to take coordinated actions to address the **digital determinants of health**.

Each workstream offers several different types of engagement open to RYC including authoring and reviewing publications, capturing youth data and insights, capacity building and strategic input.

Role

- Provide insights, key concerns and proposed solutions to improve the health and well-being of young people at the regional and local levels.
- Connect the work of the Lab to the regional and local level
- Bring the voice of youth from the regional level to the work of the Lab
- Converse and collaborate with diverse stakeholders to build networks and establish partnerships
- Convene youth at the regional and country-level on behalf of the Lab
- Join events, consultations, workshops and other dialogues as shared by the DTH-Lab or proposed based on significance to the DTH-Lab at a regional level
- Contribute to the work of the Lab through written contributions, oral presentations, futures thinking/foresight initiatives and co-creating innovative solutions
- Amplify messaging and recommendations from the DTH-Lab outputs with regional and national youth networks through the #MyHealthFutures Youth Network and other personal channels including social media
- Advocate for inclusion of youth voices in external governance processes. External governance processes include providing support to RYC at the regional and global level to join relevant health policy discussions and provide input to open review processes of strategies and policies

Profile

- Between the ages of 18-30 years old
- Passionate about the digital transformation of health and the role of young people in co-creating a desired health future for all
- Great network of young people at the regional and country level
- Connected to agents of change
- Active following on social media platforms
- Excellent working knowledge of digital platforms and the use of technology to increase engagement
- Great oral and written communication skills in English, working knowledge of other UN languages is an added advantage
- Experience in meaningfully engaging young people
- Share similar foundational values for digital health governance as the Commission/Lab such as democracy, solidarity, inclusion, equity and human rights
- Based in one region throughout the cohort term

- Access to a bank account that can receive international transfers

Compensation

To support the work of the Regional Youth Champion, the DTH-Lab will provide a monthly stipend of 230 USD for a one-year term. The stipend is allocated to offset running costs in the performance of your role such as; mobile and data connection, social media apps and software, and bank charges.

Note: The cohort term is one year from 1 November to 31 October. A two month probationary period will be in effect to ensure appropriate commitments are made. The DTH-Lab reserves the right to renounce this role from any person who does not uphold the same ethos as the DTH-Lab.