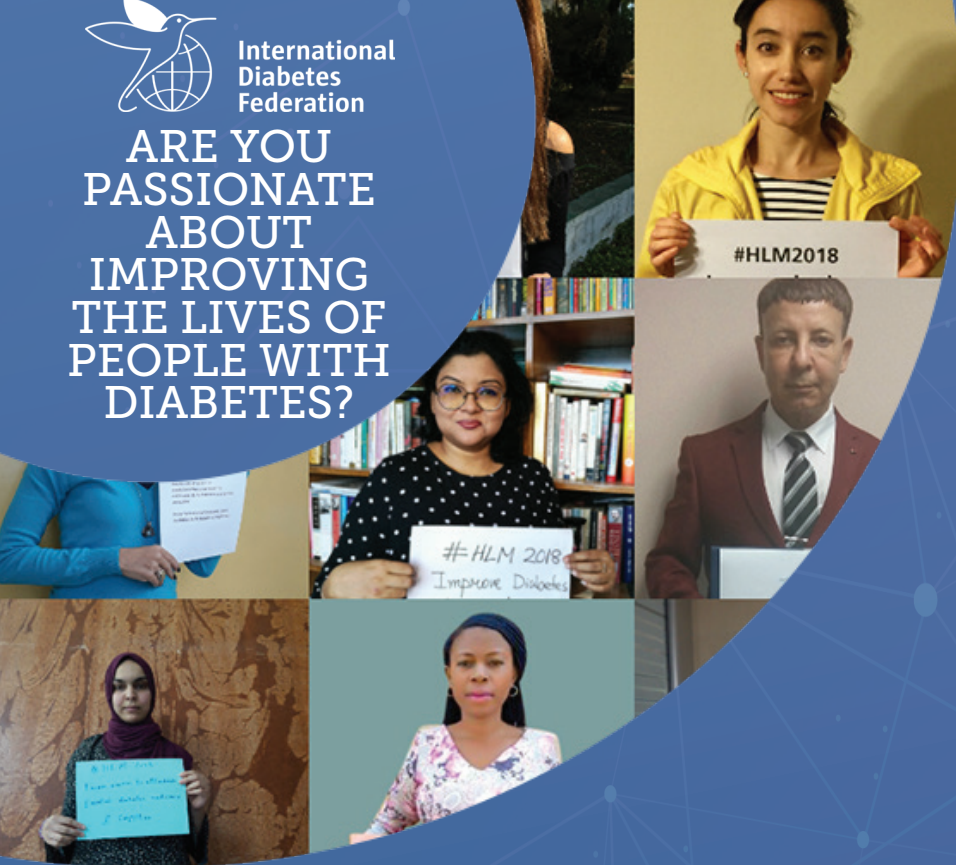




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ARE YOU
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ABOUT
IMPROVING
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DIABETES?



JOIN THE **IDF BLUE CIRCLE**
VOICES NETWORK NOW
AND BECOME A GLOBAL
DIABETES ADVOCATE!

The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organisation of over 230 national diabetes associations in 168 countries and territories. IDF is the global voice of people with diabetes, representing the interests of a growing number of people with diabetes and those at risk. IDF has been leading the global diabetes community since 1950. IDF's mission is to promote diabetes care, prevention and a cure worldwide.

What is the Blue Circle Voices network?

The **Blue Circle Voices (BCV)** is an IDF initiative, launched in 2016, that aims to represent the interests of people living with, or affected by, diabetes, through a worldwide network of members and other stakeholders.

The **BCV network** draws upon the experiences of people with diabetes, acts as their global voice and provides them with an opportunity for expression. This network focuses on a variety of issues and challenges.

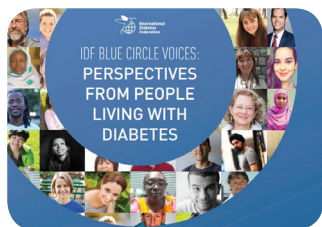
Composed of adults living with diabetes from all IDF regions, **BCV** represents:

- People with type 1 diabetes
- People with type 2 diabetes
- People with less common types of diabetes
- Women with a history of gestational diabetes
- People connected to diabetes through the care of a child, close relative or loved one with diabetes

In which activities are the BCV members involved?

BCV Members work jointly with IDF on a number of global initiatives, designed to give a prominent voice to people with diabetes worldwide. These include:

- Filmed testimonies
- Support to global social media campaigns
- Participation in global conferences, workshops and fora, etc.
- Written stories
- Support to the development of specific documents



Consultations with the network also help inform IDF's strategic direction, projects and programmes.



How does the BCV network operate?

The **BCV network** works primarily online, although some of its members may be invited to participate as speakers at events. Members of the network share experiences and knowledge with their peers worldwide through an online forum and a closed

Facebook group, and stay informed of IDF news and each other's projects and activities through a bi-monthly newsletter. **BCV Members** are provided with educational opportunities via webinars and access to other online resources.

What are the benefits of joining the BCV network?

- Meet and network with other advocates from your country/region and other parts of the world through an online forum, social media platforms and other collaboration tools
- Stay on top of the latest IDF news and news from other members of the network
- Share your experiences, support other **BCV Members** and get answers to your questions
- Learn about various diabetes topics and gain knowledge which can help you become a more effective diabetes advocate via webinars, other online educational opportunities and general resources
- Gain more visibility for your initiatives in your country and globally

The BCV network is something which I have been looking for for a long time. It brings together a large number of people with diabetes in one network, enables us to communicate with each other, discuss our own personal experiences and share what takes place for other people with diabetes in our countries.

(BCV member from the Middle East and North Africa Region)

*Reading the discussions on the forum from other **BCV members** gives me hope that together we can overcome the challenges of diabetes, and that my problem is a global issue*

(BCV Member from Africa Region)



What are the criteria to join the BCV network?

- Are you a person with diabetes, or a history of gestational diabetes, or do you care for a child, close relative or loved one with diabetes?
- Do you share IDF's mission to promote access to diabetes care, to fight discrimination against people with diabetes and to promote prevention of type 2 diabetes?
- Can you demonstrate experience of campaigning for diabetes causes?
- Are you committed to promoting IDF activities at a national or global level?
- Are you able to communicate in English, French or Spanish?

How can you apply to join the BCV network?

If you meet these criteria and are passionate about improving the lives of people with diabetes, please let us know at **bluecirclevoices@idf.org**. Joining the network will require the completion of an application form, which will include details of your personal history of diabetes or that of the person you care for (including diagnosis age, medication and comorbidities). This information will remain confidential. BCV members will also be asked to have their personal story featured on the IDF website. IDF may not be able to accept all candidates, as we need to maintain a balance in the number of members from each IDF region and among the different types of diabetes.

Do you want to learn more?

You can visit the BCV webpage by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



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