Global Charter for Meaningful Engagement of People Living with NCDs – What does this mean in the Caribbean?

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Meaningful Involvement

Recognizes:

- Your story has power!
- Right to participation is integral to the right to health!
- People living with NCDs (PLWNCDs) are experts!
- Partner to create, implement and evaluate NCD policies, programs and services.

Lived experiences can and should shape health systems!

- Effective and appropriate
- Promotes health equity
- Reduces marginalization and discrimination
Global Charter on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs

ABOUT THE GLOBAL CHARTER FOR MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF PERSONS LIVING WITH NCDS (PLWNCDs)
- What it is?
- Importance
- Key principles
- Strategies for Implementation

- Governments
- Multilaterals
- Private sector
- Civil society

- Impact
- Enablers
- Barriers

Periodic reporting required from endorsing org.

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## FINDINGS FROM THE GLOBAL CHARTER CONSULTATIONS...

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And so how do we create an environment which fosters meaningful involvement and co-ownership?

• Institutionalise engagement of PLWNCDs/youth/key groups in governance/advisory roles to ensure perspectives are reflected at the highest levels

• Create models which demonstrate a real value for these perspectives rather than tokenism ie. key governance roles, paid posts, consultations, internships with clear pathways to longer terms positions

• Build capacity – key element is empowerment to overcome stigma – a reality in our small developing communities - to create and maximise opportunities

• Provide platforms for validation and ownership and support the process of normalising inclusion of these voices
REGIONAL INITIATIVES CAMPAIGNS

• Our Views Our Voices Training in collaboration with TT NCDA
• My COVID Story
• Now More Than Ever Campaign
• Global Diabetes Compact – HCC Policy brief developed in collaboration with regional diabetes orgs to guide diabetes advocacy and policymaking
• Future Speaks Webinars
• Creating spaces and platform for youth dialogue
• Barbados NCD Plan- input from PLWNCDs
• Inclusion of patient groups on NCD commissions
THANK YOU!