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Invitation to participate Cancer Survivorship workshops

Childhood, adolescent, young adult cancer survivors,
parents/caregivers of children or adolescents who
had/have cancer

Would you like to contribute to a better life and health care for people after they have had cancer during childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood? Come and share your thoughts and experiences and help us to better address the needs of children, adolescents and young adults and their parents.

Who?

We are looking for young people who live in the countries of European Union and had (have) cancer during childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood (up to 24 years). You can currently be in the age group of 16-39 years old, so also people who experienced cancer a longer time ago are welcome to join. In addition, we would like to invite parents or other caregivers of children or adolescents who had/have cancer.

What?

We invite you to an online workshop to discuss issues related to the quality of life after having had cancer during childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood.

The workshops are an initiative of the European Commission (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation). During the workshops we will explore and discuss topics that are important to you and to other patients, survivors, and caregivers from all over Europe.

The key messages about these topics will be further discussed during a second round of on-site workshops and then presented at the conference “Addressing the Needs of Young Cancer Survivors” held in Brussels, Belgium on 6-7 February 2023.

Both the workshops and the conference are part of [the EU Mission on Cancer](#)¹, which is an initiative under Horizon Europe, the EU framework programme for research & innovation (2021-2027). The EU Mission on Cancer is joined in its efforts by another EU initiative, the Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan.

¹ [EU Mission: Cancer \(europa.eu\)](https://eumissiononcancer.eu)

Why your views are important

In the EU Mission on Cancer, the European Commission strives for the best possible quality of life for young cancer patients and survivors. To reach that **goal it is a key to listen what are the needs of people with a childhood cancer history and their parents/caregivers, and make sure those needs are met.**

You can help by telling us what problems you ran into after the treatment and things you miss(ed) to improve your quality of life as a cancer survivor. The topics can be as broad as life itself: they may concern your physical or mental health, the healthcare or support you got or missed, but also school, sports, work, friends, and family.

Your views and experiences will help us to learn more about what matters to young cancer survivors and their parents/caregivers. They also provide an opportunity to shape and influence research on a topic that has or had a big impact on your life.

By bringing together young people affected by cancer across Europe we also want to strengthen existing networks of cancer survivors. This network can help and inform future actions of the EU Mission on Cancer that are relevant to you, such as research needs, as well as social, education and employment issues.

Workshop details

- The online workshops will be held online on **Wednesday 11** and **Thursday 12** January 2023. The only thing you need is a computer/tablet/smart phone and internet connection.
- The workshops will be in English. If you do not feel comfortable speaking in English, you can also listen to the conversation and add your comments and suggestions in writing during and after the meeting.
- The workshops are only intended for participants who have experience with cancer, as a patient, survivor, or caregiver/parent.
- There will be four workshops with different topics you can choose from. Each workshop takes approximately 2.5 hours.
- On **Wednesday 11** January, we will organise two parallel workshops, which will address:
 - Life after cancer (intended for childhood cancer patients/survivors themselves)
 - Caring for children with cancer (intended for parents or caregivers)
- On **Thursday 12 January**, we will organise two additional parallel workshops, which will address:
 - Involvement in research and engagement (intended for all participants)
 - Inequalities in access to cancer care (intended for all participants)
- On both days there will be a short plenary opening and closing for all participants.

Number of participants

Purpose of the online workshops is to have a conversation in a relatively small-scale setting, preferably with a limited number of participants per country. While we try our best to accommodate everyone who is interested in participating, we can't guarantee that everyone who registers will be able to participate in the workshops, e.g. if there are already a high number of participants from a certain country.

Inputs before the workshops

We hope to gather as many views and experiences from as many young people who were affected by childhood cancer as possible. Therefore, even if you there is no place in the workshop or you would not be available during the workshop dates, then you can still share your thoughts on an online discussion platform, and we will take them into account together with the input from the workshops.

You can access the online discussions for the different topics here (and the webpages will remain open until the 15th of January, allowing to provide inputs once or on multiple occasions):

<https://app.sli.do/event/dnW16Whz7Z1DP7LpBjWcYP> and using the password: Lifeaftercancer
Attending on-site workshops and a conference in Brussels, 6-7 February 2023

On 7 February 2023, the European Commission (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation) will organise a conference “Addressing the Needs of Young Cancer Survivors” in Brussels, Belgium. The conference is preceded by half-day workshops on 6 February 2023. Participants of the online workshop will also be invited to the workshops and the main conference in Brussels (with a maximum of 3 delegates per country). For those who are able to come, the costs for traveling to Brussels and the participation in the workshops and conference will be reimbursed.

Interested?

We hope that you are willing to participate to the online workshops in January after reading the information.

In that case, you can sign up by filling out your details in this form:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ChildhoodCancerWorkshopsEC2022>

Deadline for the registration is 5th January. Please register as soon as you know that you would like to participate, don't wait until deadline, knowing in advance how many participants will join the workshops will help us to prepare.

Note. All your input will be treated with great confidentiality in line with GDPR rules and will only be used in preparation for the workshops.

We will contact you with more information and instructions about participating in the workshop.

Do you have any questions or want more information? You can contact Mandy Geise (m.geise@nivel.nl) or Iris van der Heide (i.vanderheide@nivel.nl). They are part of the EUHealthSupport Consortium, which supports the European Commission's DG RTD in the organisation of the workshops.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to welcoming you as participant!



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