



Voices in Action: People Living with Diabetes in Global Health is seeking candidates for its Board of Directors and Strategic Committee

About Voices in Action: People Living with Diabetes in Global Health

Voices in Action: People Living with Diabetes in Global Health (VIA) is a Canadian not for profit corporation founded in 2025 by James Elliott and co-founded by Lucía Feito Allonca, global health professionals living with diabetes. We aim to strengthen the position of people living with diabetes in the global health agenda and we do this through connecting, advocating and sharing information with like minded people and organizations. We also aim to broaden access to life-saving treatment, educate people living with diabetes about global issues and combat systemic discrimination of people living with diabetes. VIA has a growing membership made up of people living with diabetes from over 70 countries, we hold regular meetings attended by people around the world, and we have already influenced the high-level global health agenda, with members attending the United Nations General Assembly and through the consultation process of the WHO Essential Medicines List.

What We Are Seeking

We intend to grow VIA further and put it on a sustainable path for the future, especially in terms of fundraising and ways of working.

VIA has two bodies that guide its strategy, fundraising and accountability

1. The Board of Directors is the legally accountable body responsible for governance, fundraising, and finance of the organization.
2. The Strategic Committee sets high level strategy, shares ideas and information, brokers strategic conversations with key opinion leaders, and pitches in by volunteering on various tasks like communications, running of meetings etc.

We are seeking 3 people to join the Board of Directors and 3 people to join the Strategic Committee in 2026.

About You

We are seeking people who have a meaningful connection to diabetes, either through lived experience or by a close connection to someone with lived experience.

For the Board of Directors, we are seeking people who have Canadian citizenship or Permanent Residence status, who have successfully fundraised for newly established NGOs, who have been part processes to charitable tax status from the Canadian Revenue Agency, and who have significant ties within the diabetes community within Canada and globally. Prior Board of Director experience is advantageous but not mandatory. You are also able to reliably dedicate 5 hours per week to this role.



For the Strategic Committee, we are seeking people with global ties to the diabetes community, who have experience with fundraising, communications, strategy, social media, website development, and community mobilization. You are a strong believer in the rights of lived experience communities to represent themselves on the global stage. You either live with diabetes or are the direct caregiver or loved one of a person living with diabetes. People who are already part of the VIA community, i.e., attending meetings, interacting on social media, will be looked at favourably. You can reliably dedicate 10 hours per week to this role.

Note these roles are volunteer i.e., unpaid.

How To Express Interest

Write us a letter. In that letter:

1. Indicate whether you are applying for the Board of Directors or the Strategic Committee.
2. Tell us what about Voices in Action's mission or approach resonates most with you.
3. Give us a short biography of yourself, your name, who you are, your preferred pronoun, which countries you are from, and tell us your connection to diabetes
4. Say why you want to be involved or further involved with Voices in Action
5. Outline what will you bring — time, skills, perspective, networks — that would strengthen Voices in Action.

Plus add anything else you think we'd like to read!

Email this letter to connect@viadiabetes.com by December 19th, 2025.

If you have a CV or resume, you can send this along as well.

Process and next steps.

Once we receive the applications we will review them in December and send out requests to speak with applicants near the end of 2025. We will schedule conversations for early January 2025 and make a decision shortly after.

In the meantime, if you have any questions you can contact us at connect@viadiabetes.com

Thanks for your interest in Voices in Action: People Living with Diabetes!