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# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme Presentation

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# The International AIDS Society

- The [International AIDS Society](#) (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries working on all fronts of the global AIDS response.
- The IAS members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners.
- The IAS is the steward of the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences – the International AIDS Conference and the IAS Conference on HIV Science.

# The AIDS 2018 Conference

- The AIDS Conference is organized by the IAS every second year.
- [AIDS 2018](#) will be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands (23-27 July 2018 - Amsterdam RAI)
- AIDS 2018 is expected to bring together some **18,000 participants** from around the world.

## Upcoming Conference



# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme Overview

- **800 volunteers** needed to support the conference organisation from **19 to 27 July 2018**
- **Volunteer profiles**  
People over 18 who are available over the conference week, from all around the World, willing to be part of the conference, gaining experience and knowledge about HIV response and science
- **Volunteer activities**  
Welcoming delegates, medias, speakers, badge checking, Global Village, bag inserts, etc.

# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme

## Overview

- **Volunteers' duties and benefits**
  - Free access to sessions, exhibitors area, poster exhibition, Global Village when not on volunteer duty (volunteer shifts are either AM or PM)
  - 1 year free [IAS Membership](#)
  - Lunch provided for each working day, volunteer t-shirt, certificate of appreciation
  - Earning knowledge about HIV science, networking opportunities, living a great human experience !

# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme

## Overview

- **Volunteers' responsibility**
  - Volunteer take care of their travel, accommodation, visa arrangements
  - Volunteer behave as per the AIDS 2018 Volunteer Policy
- **Volunteer arrangements**
  - Volunteer kick-off meeting, activity training
  - Volunteer centre on site
  - Volunteer party, dedicated communication (webpage, portal, Facebook group)

# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme

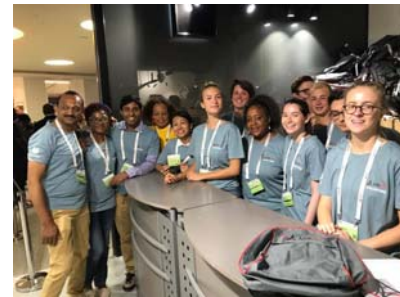
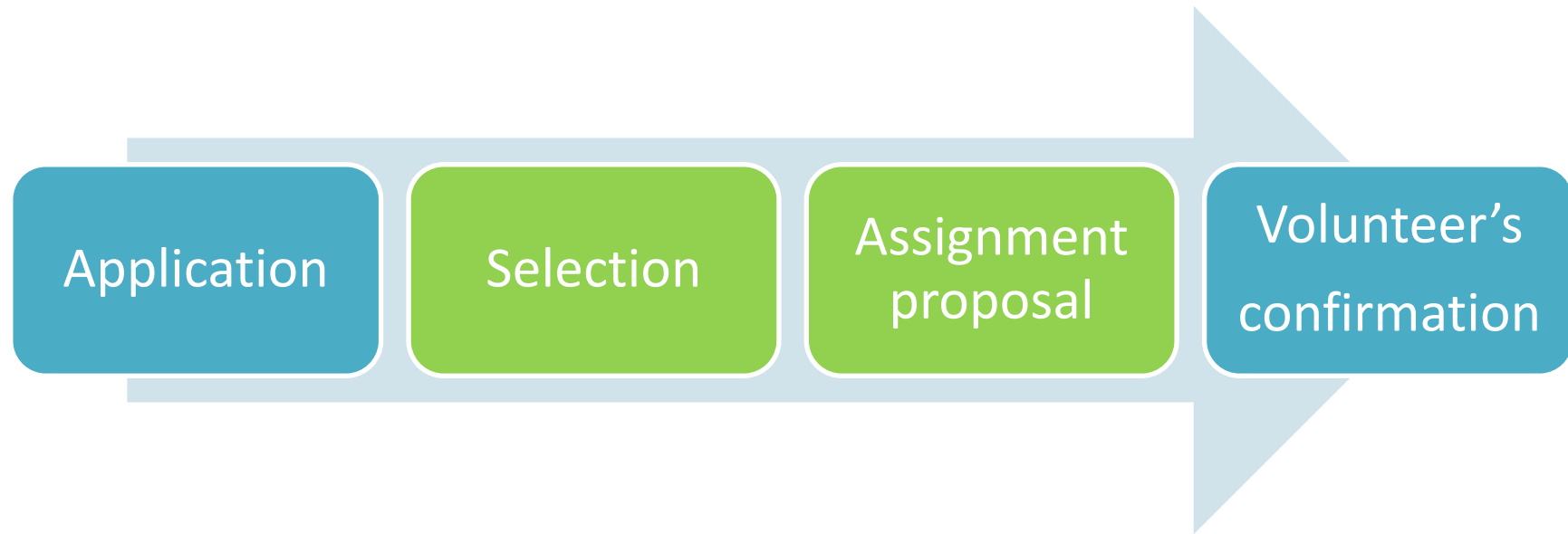
## Our approach

- Involving local communities as well as international volunteers, **bringing together people** with different profiles, backgrounds and origins
- Creating a **great volunteer team spirit**, making all the volunteers feeling part of the conference organisation, valued, rewarded, thanked for their involvement
- **Staffing the activities with relevant profiles**, for both IAS staff and volunteers' satisfaction
- **Training** the volunteers to their activities and giving them all the **guidance and support** they need during the Conference



# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme

## The recruitment process



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## The application phase

- Applications online will **open 15 March 2018**
- **Application form** will be available on the Conference Website <http://www.aids2018.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer>
- Individual application forms: applicant details, skills, experience, availabilities, preferences
- By filling the Volunteer application form, the volunteer accepts the terms and conditions of the Volunteer Policy. Example [Volunteer policy IAS 2017](#)

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## The selection and assignment phase

- The Volunteer Programme team reviews each individual application
- The **Kick-Off meeting** is mandatory for all volunteers (and IAS Staff)
- **Volunteers having the maximum availabilities are prioritized**
- The Volunteer Programme team **proposes an assignment** to each volunteer selected depending on his/her availabilities and if possible his/her preferences

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## The schedule confirmation

- Once the volunteer receives the assignment proposal, he has **to confirm** or **reject the proposal**
- Once the volunteer is confirmed, he could find on his **online portal** his/her **individual schedule** and some **documents** to upload:
  - Volunteer Pre-departure Guide and On-site Manual
  - Activity training Memos
  - Conference pocket programme, etc.
- The volunteers are covered by our Liability insurance while they are activated as volunteer in the venue

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## The Logistics

- **Volunteer Logistics**

Information about logistics is communicated prior to the conference : Badges & T-shirts collection, access, kick-off meeting, training and venue walkthrough, lunches, group photo, etc.

- **Communication tools used to reach volunteers**

- Volunteer Portal
- Push emails
- Facebook group
- [volunteers@aidс2018.org](mailto:volunteers@aidс2018.org)
- AIDS 2018 Website: Volunteer page, FAQ

# AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme

How could we spread the word together ?

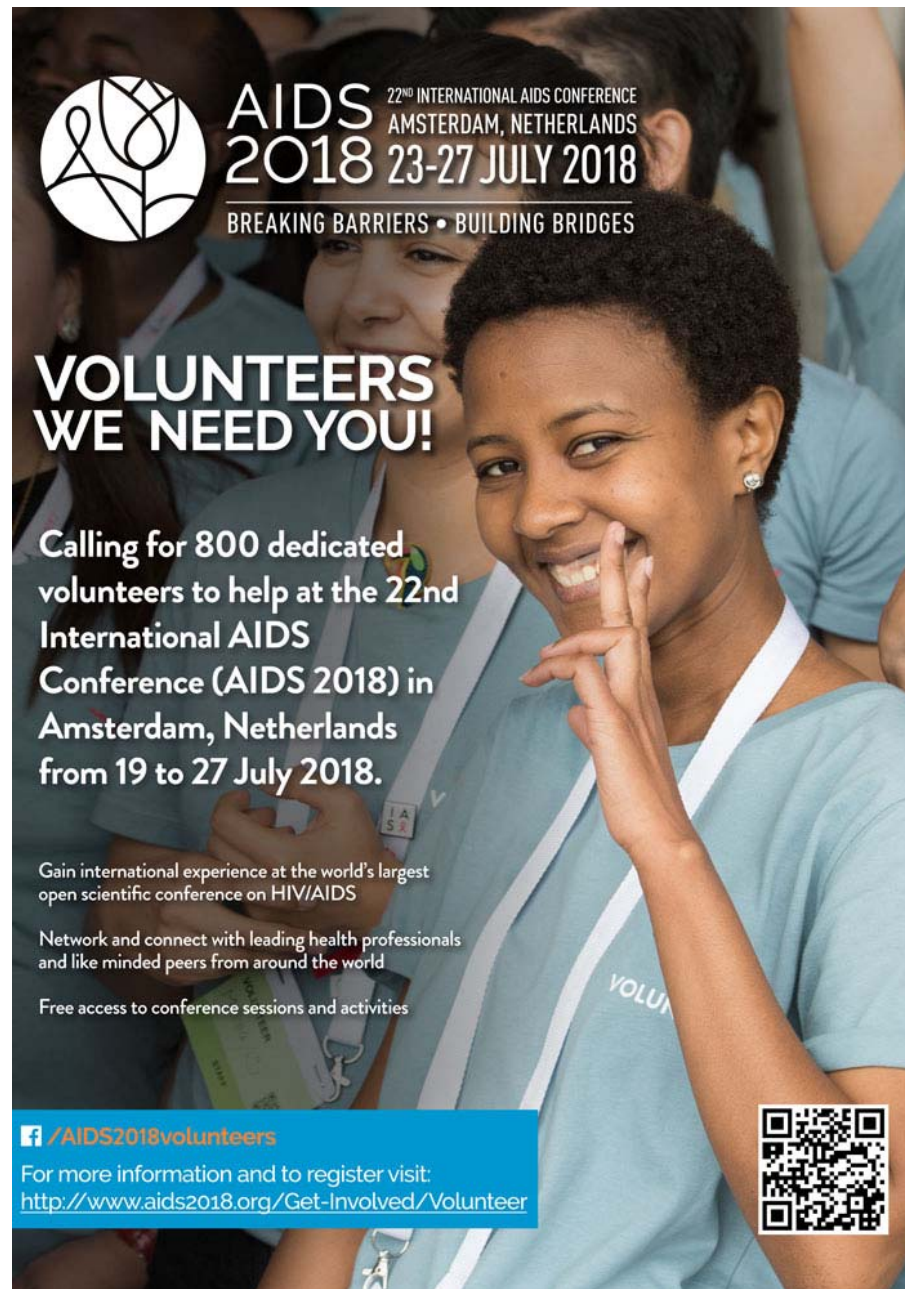
**Prior to the Volunteer Programme applications opening:**

- **Emailing** to your network: associations, universities, public health and social organizations, communities
- Volunteer **Poster** diffusions
- AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme **presentations** to members, students, professionals
- Individual / Group applications
- **Any suggestion welcome!**


# Thank you !

For more information on the AIDS 2018 Volunteer Programme, please contact [volunteers@aid2018.org](mailto:volunteers@aid2018.org)

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The poster features a background image of a diverse group of people, with a young woman in the foreground smiling and making a 'shh' gesture. The text is overlaid on the top and middle sections.

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## VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

Calling for 800 dedicated volunteers to help at the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) in Amsterdam, Netherlands from 19 to 27 July 2018.

- Gain international experience at the world's largest open scientific conference on HIV/AIDS
- Network and connect with leading health professionals and like minded peers from around the world
- Free access to conference sessions and activities

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For more information and to register visit:  
<http://www.aid2018.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer>

