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WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO JOIN 2020-2023 WFD EXPERT WORK GROUPS

Overview

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) seeks expressions of interest from individuals desiring to serve as WFD Experts together with other specialists in different fields of expertise. The overall objective of the WFD Expert Groups is to assist the WFD Secretariat in their daily work by providing specific expertise, guidance and advice related to their field of knowledge. Applicants can see examples of previous Expert Groups work on Position Papers and Statements on our [website](http://www.wfdeaf.org).

A coordinator will be appointed to each of the Expert Groups to lead the Group's work, guided by Terms of Reference based on the WFD Strategy 2020-2030, the WFD Action Plan 2020-2023, and the priorities as outlined by the WFD Board.

Experts may be asked to, among other things, develop and revise WFD statements/documents, providing advice on different cases, and making recommendations to the WFD Board as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

The Expert Group Coordinators will be consulted in the drafting process of the final Terms of Reference and the implementation time table will be decided in cooperation with the WFD Secretariat and the Expert Groups.

The coordinators and members of the Expert Groups will serve in a voluntary capacity and thus are not be paid or reimbursed for any expenses during their term. They are expected to actively take part in the work of their Group: participate in email discussions and report to the WFD Board twice a year as a group.

The normal period of service is a four-year term for Expert Group members and co-ordinators, starting in April 2020 and running until December 2023. Experts or Coordinators serve at the discretion of the WFD Board.

In addition to the open call for applications, the WFD reserves the right to invite individuals to serve as WFD Expert Group members without applying for the role.

Work Groups and Roles

The WFD is seeking a coordinator and a number of expert members for each of the five Expert Groups:

1. **WFD Expert Group on Human Rights** with an intersectional focus on issues concerning Women, Children and Youth, CODAs, Senior Citizens, LGBT, Deafblind persons, deaf with disabilities, among others.
2. **WFD Expert Group on Education** covering Early Intervention and Lifelong Learning and the realisation of Article 24 CRPD and achievement of SDG 4
3. **WFD Expert Group on Sign Language and Deaf Studies**
4. **WFD Expert Group on Accessibility** including Information Accessibility, Technology and Sign Language Interpretation.
5. **WFD Expert Group on Health** including access to health care, including mental health.

Making an Application

To apply, please provide:

- a. Complete the [Online WFD Application Form for Expert Work Group](#).
- b. A curriculum vitae or résumé (max one page) in English.

Your application must be received by no later than **Monday 18 March 2020**.

Further Enquiries

Enquiries by email can be made to Phillipa.sandholm@wfdeaf.org



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WFD APPLICATION FORM FOR 2020 - 2023 EXPERT WORK GROUP

(Submit one application per expert group)

You must lodge your application by no later than **Friday, 15 March 2020**. When you submit your application you will receive an email notifying that your application has been received. Note that you can only apply for **one** expert category (Human Rights; Deaf Education; Sign Language and Deaf Studies; Accessibility)

In December 2015, the WFD will email and notify you whether your application has been successful.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date are welcome but will only be considered if vacancies still exist or become available.

Section 1: Personal Details

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Given Names	
Last Name/Surname	
Date of Birth	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Gender identity (including non-binary, etc)
Address Line 1 or PO Box	
Address Line 2	
City/Town	
Post Code/Zip Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Mobile Phone Number	
Skype ID	
Are you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf <input type="checkbox"/> Deafblind <input type="checkbox"/> Hard of hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing
Occupation	

Section 2: Co-ordinator or Member for one of the Expert Groups:

I am interested in becoming Co-ordinator OR Member of

- WFD Expert Group on Human Rights** with focus on issues concerning Women, Children and Youth, CODAs, Senior Citizens, LGBT, Deafblind persons, Health and Bioethics.
- WFD Expert Group on Deaf Education** covering Early Intervention and Lifelong Learning.
- WFD Expert Group on Sign Language and Deaf Studies**
- WFD Expert Group on Accessibility** including Information Accessibility, Technology and Sign Language Interpretation.

Section 3: Qualifications

Professional Qualifications

In this section you are (i) asked to briefly describe the professional expertise you have acquired related to the specific field that you are applying for and (ii) analyse how your academic achievements and/or hands-on advocacy work have contributed to your know-how.

How do you estimate your voluntary contribution could assist the WFD in its work? What would you like to concretely achieve with your Expert Group? Why do you think you are suitable to serve on the WFD Expert Work Group? (Up to 200 words)

Section 4: Community and professional memberships and involvement

Please briefly describe your previous involvement and expertise provided to the (i) national and/or local Deaf Community in your country, to the (ii) international deaf or disability community, (iii) other organisations (iv) academic world. (Up to 200 words):

Section 5: Referee Contact Details:

Please provide two referees' contact details:

Referee No 1

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Prof <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Given Names	
Last Name/Surname	
Address Line 1 or PO Box	
Address Line 2	
City/Town	
Post Code/Zip Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Your relation to the referee	

Referee No 2

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Prof <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Given Names	
Last Name/Surname	
Address Line 1 or PO Box	
Address Line 2	
City/Town	
Post Code/Zip Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Your relation to the referee	

Section 6: Supplementary Document:

Please provide curriculum vitae (max one page).

Full Name	
Applicant's signature	
Date	

Section 7: Email/Post your application:

EMAIL: phillipa.sandholm@wfdeaf.org

POST: WFD Expert Work Group
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