



Global Mental Health Peer Network
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APPLICATION PACKAGE

VIP Membership: *Non-Profit Organisations and Disabled Persons Organisations*

Who is the GMHPN?

The Global Mental Health Peer Network (GMHPN) is a platform for people with lived experience with mental health conditions to share journeys, experiences, perspectives, views and opinions ... embracing our humanity, appreciate our diversity and uniting our voices towards achieving our common goals.

The GMHPN was formally registered as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO 212-449) under the South African Non-profit Organisations Act 71 of 1997 in July 2018 and in July 2019 registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 930065563) with the South African Revenue Services. In April 2020, the GMHPN received its Equivalency Determination Certification, recognised as an equivalent to a US public charity.

Since the GMHPN's establishment in 2018, the focus of its work has involved the building of a sustainable structure to serve two main purposes:

- 1) to develop a global leadership of lived experience; and
- 2) to create a sophisticated communication platform where the lived experience community can share their views, opinions, perceptions and experiences.

The vision of the GMHPN is to *“strengthen[ing] the voices of persons with lived experience globally through empowerment and inspiring respect and acknowledgement of their experiences, views and opinions as valued and equal citizens of the world”*.

The GMHPN is proud to be recognized around the world as and global source of lived experience expertise.

The GMHPN has a rich and diverse lived experience expertise among its management; executive structures and membership, whom to date have provided perspectives and recommendations to high level strategic documents and high-level engagement platforms.

Two fundamental principles to the GMHPN are:

- Working together with all stakeholders involved to affect the desired change
- The views, opinions and experiences of persons with lived experience reflect the change desired



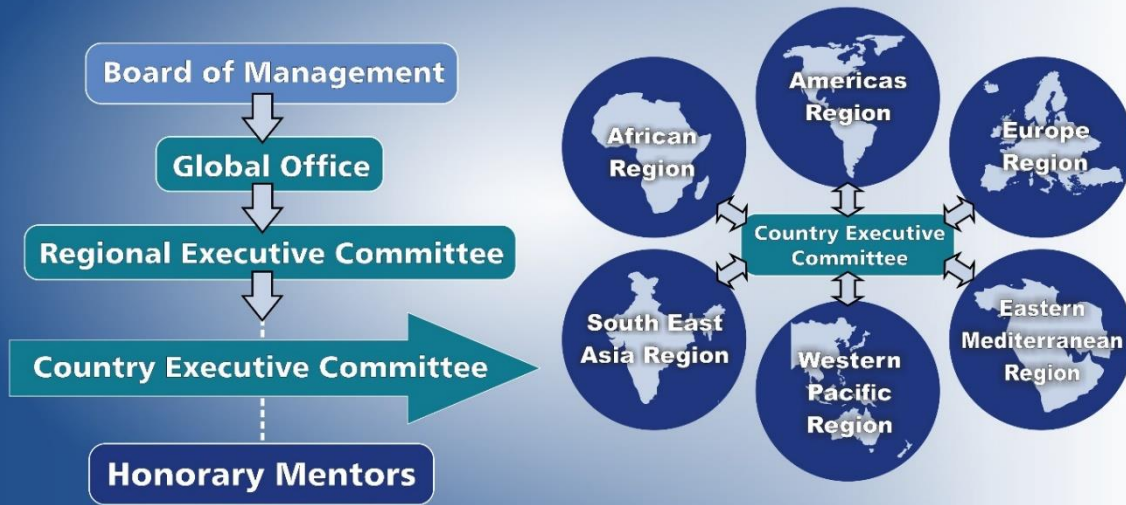
Through its principles and objectives, the GMHPN are able to:

- Create communities where persons with lived experience are valued as equal citizens of the world, free from stigma, discrimination, inequality and inequity
- Give a voice to the voiceless and create a platform where what persons with lived experience say and share, matters
- End isolation from the world and connect mental health care user groups and movements globally to form a community of experts by experience and who are empowered to self-advocate and advocate on a broader and global scale

What we stand and advocate for:

- The GMHPN is built on the premise **of an integrated and holistic response** to mental health care and services that incorporates medical, social and human rights models - this approach critically emphasizes the multidimensional aspects of mental health conditions and societal challenges that cannot be addressed in isolation as a medical problem
- We believe in a **human rights-based approach** within an operating framework focused on empowerment, recovery and peer support – whereby lived experience is the driving force behind destigmatisation, improved quality of life, equality and equity
- The GMHPN underpins all of its work through the **promotion of international treaties and human rights instruments**, and accountability measures under domestic laws, to emphasize the importance of protecting and respecting the rights of persons with lived experience
- The GMHPN strongly supports and advocates for a **person-centered and recovery approach** to mental health care and services – by challenging the paradigm of medical traditions and institutional care models that have subjected individuals with mental health conditions to severe human rights violations, developed structures of societal segregation, and denied the inherent human dignity and voice of this community
- The GMHPN focuses on the development of **lived experience leadership in mental health** to enhance meaningful participation in the development, design, review, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of services at all stages and in all aspects of life
- Building **global lived experience leadership and stakeholder partnerships** are essential to be the catalysts of change and transformation in mental health, where lived experience is at the center of policy and action and where lived experience voices are reflected in these policies, plans and practices
- People with lived experience must be **acknowledged as equal partners** and therefore power imbalances need to be restored and establishment of recognition of the value of lived experience contributions to the socio-economic status of every nation
- Places of work and education must **promote healthy environments wherein people can thrive**

GMHPN Global Structure



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Membership

Basic Membership - FREE



Key Benefits:

- * Monthly general newsletter
- * Access to resources and information
- * Webinars
- * Part of global lived experience community
- * Opportunity to join advocacy initiatives
- * And more ...

VIP Membership - PAID



Key Benefits:

- * Membership card/ certificate
- * Quarterly workplace mental health newsletter
- * Free workplace mental health workshop
- * 20% Discount on additional workshops
- * Promotion via GMHPN platforms
- * And more ...



Benefits of VIP Membership for NPOs and DPOs:

- Be part of a large global mental health community of persons with lived experience/ mental health care users that strive to improve mental health of populations across the globe, increase mental health and human rights literacy, and improve mental health and wellness in the workplace and education system
- Employees/ clients have the opportunity to share their recovery stories on the GMHPN platforms
- Opportunity to join in advocacy and awareness campaigns and initiatives, including access to materials produced by the GMHPN
- Employees receive the monthly general newsletter via email
- Employees receive the quarterly 'Mental Health in the Workplace' newsletter with information, research and tools to promote mental health in the workplace
- Membership certificate
- One (1) FREE annual virtual workshop on mental health for employees/ clients, with lived experience presenters sharing experiences and recovery stories
- Twenty percent (20%) discount on additional virtual workshops
- Organisations are given the opportunity to promote themselves via the GMHPN website (with organization logo and links to website and social media)

Annual Fee: R2500.00 / \$150.00 p/year

Payment options:

1. **Using credit/ debit card – payment via crowdfunding account:**
<https://www.givengain.com/d/c/11570#amount>

Before checking out, in the “*Leave a message of support (optional)*” box, include “*VIP membership*” and the *organisation name*. We will receive confirmation via email directly.

2. **Direct bank transfer:**

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First National Bank, a division of FirstRand Bank Limited (“**FNB**”):
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Organisation: Information

Title (contact person): Name & Surname (contact person):

Organisation Name:

Country: City/ Town:

Physical Address:

Postal Address:

Contact Number: Email Address:

Organisation Website:

About the Organisation:

Number of Employees: 1-20 21-50 51-100 101-500 501+

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