



# SVRI Forum 2017

Sexual Violence Research Initiative

18th -21st September 2017

Rio | Brazil

## Call for Applications

### Young Researcher's Participation in SVRI Forum 2017

**Applications closed on 13 March 2017**

**Open to:** Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) from Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin American and the Caribbean that are able to identify, accompany and support the participation to *SVRI Forum 2017* of two highly motivated youth who have previous experience with research using participatory methods with a focus on sexual violence and related forms of violence.

**Venue:** 18-21 September, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

#### Description

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) is hosting its 5th global conference [SVRI Forum 2017](#) from the 18-21 September in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The SVRI Forum provides researchers, practitioners and others with a platform to share and disseminate methodological experiences and research findings. It also offers a dynamic space for participants to network, share lessons, link research with policy and practice and disseminate new and exciting research in the field. A key theme of this year's Forum is participatory research including a focus on Children's Participation.

["Being Heard"](#) is a project of [SVRI](#) and the [University of Bedfordshire's International Centre: Researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking](#). The project aims to promote the active and ethical engagement of young people in research on sexual violence. As part of the project, SVRI is planning to select up to 5 NGOs based in Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and/or Sub-Saharan Africa, who have conducted participatory research on violence against children to be part of a program to bring a group of 10 young researchers to this year's Forum to facilitate learning and input on how best to enable young people to play an active role in undertaking research on sexual violence against children. The project is seeking to identify 10 young people between the ages of 18 and 24 who have been engaged in participatory research activities on violence against children (in particular sexual violence) and related forms of violence to attend the [SVRI Forum 2017](#). To do so, SVRI has secured funding to cover the airfares, accommodation, visas and a small daily per diem for 10 young researchers and 5 NGO representatives to act as facilitators to accompany the two young researchers and facilitate their participation in the SVRI Forum 2017.

#### Eligibility

Applications should come from relevant Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) that work with children and young people. The NGO will be responsible for identifying two young researchers and a



facilitator who can accompany the two young researchers to the Forum. The facilitator will be responsible for the welfare and full participation of the young researchers in the Forum.

Each application will include details on the experience, abilities and interests of the two proposed young researchers as well as details on the NGO and the facilitator.

In order to be considered eligible to apply, the NGO and its applicants must fulfill all of the following criteria:

#### **The NGO:**

- must have experience of implementing participatory activities with young people, in particular participatory research with young people affected by violence;
- must be based in Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe or Latin America and the Caribbean;
- must have access to the internet; and
- must put forward a person to act as 'point of contact' who is a fluent English speaker who can act as a translator for the young researchers if needed.

#### **The Young Researchers**

- must be or have been a beneficiary of the NGO's services or research projects for children and young people who have been affected by violence;
- must have undertaken participatory research activities (i.e. candidates were or are currently involved as researchers in a research project on violence against children or young people)
- must be between the age of 18 and 24;
- should be open to speak in front of large or small audiences (NOTE: advice/training is available to young researchers to enable them to speak with confidence)
- must be open to sharing their expertise as researchers with others.

#### **The Facilitators**

- Facilitators must be older than 25 years, except in exceptional circumstances.
- Facilitators must have at least three years experience of working directly with children and young people and have knowledge of participatory principles and techniques.
- Due to the special vulnerability of girls and young women, all female delegates must be accompanied by a female facilitator.
- Facilitators must be able to speak the main language of the young people they are accompanying as well as English (the main language of the Forum). Facilitators will be expected to translate for the young researchers at all times both during the Forum and during travel, in the evenings and mornings before the Forum begins and on any excursions.

**NOTE:** All applicants must have a valid passport or be able to obtain a passport in six months (i.e. have birth registration documents etc.).

#### **Costs**

Participation in this conference is free of charge. However, the number of participants is limited to 10 young people and five facilitators/representatives.

#### **Expectations**

The young researchers will be expected to:

- Share their experience of participatory research on violence in childhood and adolescence and participate fully in the Forum;
- Provide feedback on their research experiences at the conference as well provide input on relevant documents related to engaging young people in research on sexual violence; and
- Engage with others and share their experience as a researcher both leading up to and after the Forum through social media such as blogs, and co-hosting webinars.

The NGOs will be expected to:

- Select two Young Researchers
- Select one adult facilitator to accompany the young researchers

The facilitator will be expected to:

- undertake all of the necessary measures to prepare the young researchers for their participation in the Forum;
- provide translation for the young people during the Forum and de-brief them after returning from the Forum; and
- support the young researchers to develop innovative ways to present their experiences of participatory research leading up to the Forum, during the Forum and after the Forum.

If you are interested in applying, please complete and submit the attached application form and provide CVs for all applicants (two young researchers and one adult facilitator) to: [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

**For any additional information**, please feel free to contact the Forum organizers by email at: [ellenhagerman@gmail.com](mailto:ellenhagerman@gmail.com). For more information on the SVRI visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org), and this project visit: <http://www.svri.org/what-we-do/capacity-development/projects/being-heard>

