

YOUTH CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 2019

#loveSAFe-SBH. Sexuality, Affectivity and Fertility: youth with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus between desires and taboos

The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) has been committed in the past months in the activity on sexuality and body awareness in which a group of Europeans young people has been included with the aim to realize a survey on that topic. The questionnaire gathered 400 answers and now it is important to share the results with a wider public of young people.

The Associazione Spina Bifida Italia (ASBI) caught the opportunity to cooperate with IF and it will host the first International Youth Conference in Italy.

WHY THIS CONFERENCE IS SO IMPORTANT?

This Conference will be a safe space where young people with SBH coming from different european countries will gather in order to discuss about topics lied to affectivity, sexuality and fertility, often overlooked and of which there still exist lots of prejudices and taboos.

Your active participation at the conference as young person with disability is key to raise the voice of the whole youth community with SBH. Your opinions, doubts, daily challenges and potential should be heard!

WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THE CONFERENCE?

The Conference will alternate different panels open to discussion, dynamic-interactive sessions and first-hand testimonies.

In particular, the programme of the conference will include the following topics:

- Affectivity, important for those who have still not experienced sexual activities and/or would like to receive more information and counselling;
- Sexuality, especially the discovery and awareness of the own body as well as fertility;
- Testimonies connected to needs and taboos on sexuality, marriage life and desire of parenthood;

[Here you can find the programme of the two days.](#)

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The event is aimed at all european young people from 16 to 35 years old with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus.

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Important:

All participants should cover their own costs in order to attend the conference. Special offers or discounts might be offered.

Other participants such as families or personal assistants - if willing to participate - should provide personally to cover their costs.

WHEN?

Two days: 5 and 6 October 2019.

The arrival to the venue is foreseen for Friday the 4th October (only for people coming from outside Italy) and departure for Sunday afternoon the 6th.

We remind you that activities will start on Saturday the 5th at 9:30am and will finish on Sunday the 6th at 14:30pm.

Those of you who wish to stay longer or depart before the 4th should cover the further costs personally.

WHERE?

The conference will take place at UNAHOTELS of Varese, Via Francesco Albani 73, 21100 (Lombardy).

Transfers from the airport or railway station to the venue will be organised by ASBI.

OTHER INFORMATION

In order to allow all of you to better follow the sessions and intervene actively during the panels and group works, we foresee a simultaneously interpretation both Italian-English and English-Italian.

REGISTRATION

If you are interested to participate, register now! [Click here](#) to find the registration form.

For logistical reasons, we ask you to complete the form **by the 21 September 2019**.

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