

## A call for *National Testing Champions*

### Background

European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week (ETW) has been an international initiative to encourage testing and reduce late presentation since 2013. During this November week, hundreds of participants – organisations, institutions, clinics and government officials throughout Europe - conduct planned and coordinated activities, all for the same cause: **to increase testing and awareness throughout the WHO European Region.**<sup>1</sup>

We are looking for creative and motivated people who are passionate about increasing testing awareness to be an ETW **National Testing Champion**.

### What does it mean to be a ‘National Testing Champion’?

Being a ‘European Testing Week National Testing Champion’ involves encouraging organisations and clinics to [sign up](#) and join European Testing Week and helping create national momentum prior to and during testing week<sup>2</sup>.

More specifically the work responsibilities will include:

- Getting clinics/organisations to sign up in your country
- Help to promote the available ETW materials, as relevant
- Be active in promoting your local activities within your community and on social media
- Try to get local and national government support in your country, as relevant

Testing champions can be staff members, volunteers, peer workers, members from the targeted group (former drug users, sex workers etc.) Testing champions should have close ties to the local community as well as good working knowledge of local testing and support services. Most of all, they should be confident in their knowledge of HIV and hepatitis prevention and passionate about getting people testing!

### Why become a ‘National Testing Champion’?

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<sup>1</sup> 2017 participants, <http://www.testingweek.eu/get-involved/whos-signed-up>

<sup>2</sup> Unfortunately at this time, financial support for this role is unavailable.

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TESTING  
WEEK**  
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Are you friendly and well organised? Good at outreach and coordination projects? Good at communicating and information sharing? Are you from a key HIV or hepatitis population? Want to add a project to your CV? Then sign up and volunteer to be a **National Testing Champion!**

Help bring HIV and hepatitis testing awareness to the forefront in your country with the international ETW community as your support team.

Perks of being a '**National Testing Champion**' also include:

- Getting yourself showcased on the ETW website and social media platforms
- Getting your organization and hard work highlighted on our international platforms
- Support from the ETW coordinator

### **Does this sound interesting?**

Send a few lines about yourself and why you would be the right choice as a national testing champion to [hie.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk](mailto:hie.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk) by **22 September 2017**.