



Health Equity Group Patient Members

Versus Arthritis is looking for patient partners to help shape the purpose and work of our Health Equity Group.

The aim of the group is to bring together a core group of internal and external stakeholders with a key interest in tackling health inequality to:

- Hear and learn from individuals and organisations with experience of health inequality.
- Join up work happening internally and support work happening in other organisations.
- Review Versus Arthritis' current practices and use insight to improve the way we do things going forwards.

We are looking therefore for people with experience of an MSK condition and lived experience of health inequality to share their passion, knowledge and experiences and to provide 'check and challenge' to our thinking and ways of working.

To support Patient Members of the Health Equity Group to attend we are offering an optional bursary of £200/year for up to 5 members to help to overcome barriers to attendance. The first payment will be paid on successful appointment to the group and the second payment will be made after 6 months subject to appropriate engagement with the group.

The Health Equity Group (HEG) meets once every 6 weeks via MS Teams, for 90 minutes in an evening. When you join the group, you will be added to an Outlook group, which will enable you to get meeting invites, for us to share information with you and for you to contact the other members of the group.

Our expectations of the Patient HEG members are:

- To attend 50% of the sessions although they are welcome to attend as many as they can make.
- Will have an awareness of all documents shared as part of the agenda for all meetings.
- Share knowledge, feelings and experiences to help shape the discussion and work of the group.

If you are interested in supporting this important work by joining the HEG please complete the expression of interest form below before midnight on Friday 17th September 2021.

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

If you have any questions about the role or require any support to complete the form, please contact ProfessionalEngagment@VersusArthritis.org