

Avert at AIDS 2018



We showcased our Young Voices co-creation project at the bi-annual International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) held this summer in Amsterdam (23-27 July), as well as our [Professionals Hub](#) on Avert.org, and the work of two of our NGO partners in Southern Africa.

[Download our full list of activities at the conference.](#)

Young Voices

Global Village Booth 654

Avert hosted a dynamic, interactive space in the Global Village at AIDS 2018, highlighting our co-creation project [Young Voices Africa - sex, HIV and relationships, our way](#).

The *Young Voices* project has developed a range of new HIV prevention materials through a co-creation process with young people from Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It aims to give young people the space to talk about sex and relationships – their way.

As well as exhibiting the new information materials at the booth, we organised a range of activities where young people met and engaged in guided discussions and tried co-creation activities for themselves – building the capacity of young people in their peer-led work.

We also exhibited youth-generated comic strip cartoons, developed as part of Young Voices, based on the experiences of young people negotiating HIV, sex and relationships in southern Africa.

Booth visitors also created their own comic strip cartoons through our interactive comic strip creator.

Two participants from the *Young Voices* project from Zambia and Malawi attended the conference. They shared their experiences of participating in the project, and lead ad-hoc discussions and activities in and around the Avert booth. They also participated in other youth-focused sessions and

panels at the conference.

- *Biographies of these Young Voices participants are available on request.*

Avert Professionals Hub

At the Global Village booth Avert demonstrated the free information tools and resources available to support those working in HIV and SRH on Avert's information and education platform Avert.org. If you missed us at the conference and like to give feedback on the site - you can also give us your feedback [online](#).

Avert NGO Partners

Two of Avert's partners in Southern Africa were at the conference giving poster presentations showcasing Avert-funded youth work.

- Tuesday 12:30-14:30
Getting to the root: Addressing the barriers to HIV service access among the LGBT community in Lesotho
Lehlohonolo Mohasoa, from Phelisanang Bophelong (PB), Lesotho.
PB works to encourage young people in Leribe district to access HIV services and discuss sexual health.
- Thursday 12:30-14:30
Getting young people on board: How a community-based peer-led approach can improve SRH including HIV service uptake in rural Zambia
Isaac Phiri, from Bwafwano Integrated Services Organisation (BISO), Zambia.
BISO works with rural health centres in Mkushi district to reach young people, helping them to get the life skills and HIV awareness they need to live healthily.

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