

NOBODY LEFT OUTSIDE



The Nobody Left Outside initiative is a collective of organisations representing some of the most underserved communities, including LGBTBI, sex workers, migrants, homeless, people who inject drugs (PWID), and prisoners. United under the banner 'Nobody Left Outside', these organisations work together to identify shared challenges, share lessons learned through years of engagement, and seek integrated solutions to improve access to healthcare for the communities of people they represent.

Health for All

Even in high-income OECD countries, a large number of people are underserved by our health systems. In essence, they are "left outside". This is particularly true for some of the most vulnerable and socially excluded groups such as LGBTBI, sex workers, migrants, homeless, people who inject drugs (PWID), and prisoners. Not only are these communities at a significantly higher risk of poor health than the general population, but owing

to a complex interplay of organisational and legal barriers topped with stigma, they face significant challenges in accessing health care, regardless of their fundamental right thereto.

As we move collectively forward in the 2030 global agenda for sustainable development, the principle of 'leaving no one behind' intrinsically means leaving no one outside our health services.



The SDG target 3.8 for universal health coverage (UHC), emphasises the importance of all people and communities having access to quality health services.

The aim of 'Nobody Left Outside' is to act as a unified voice at the European level to identify common challenges and synergistic considerations, and to offer recommendations for policies and guidance that will best meet the needs of our diverse groups. Activities to date include:

- NLO Platform meetings to identify common barriers and identify best practices
- Health service redesign checklist
- Policy incubation workshop on barriers to access for underserved groups
- Communication through journal articles and blogs
- Advocacy through open letters signed by all NLO organizations.

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Health Service Design for Inclusiveness

Underserved groups are often described as 'hard to reach', whereas, from the perspective of users, it is frequently the services that are hard to reach.

We know what works. Pockets of best practice across the European region show us that inequalities in service access are not inevitable and can be addressed. Successful models of

community-based care are ripe for replication. Such innovative pilots prove what can be achieved with community engagement, in spite of limited resources. Coupled with political will, they could be used to inform service redesign and spark a paradigm shift towards more integrated, people-centred, and equity-based health care services.

The NLO initiative has recently become a **Thematic Network** under the EU Health Policy Platform. The NLO Thematic Network aims to incubate practical guidance and innovative solutions toward equity of access to integrated health and social services for vulnerable and underserved groups. Service design and delivery, preventing discrimination (e.g. through workforce training), health system monitoring, access to innovation, sustainable financing and effective leadership and governance – with community involvement throughout – will be the main themes for the NLO Joint Statement: a people-centred blueprint for improving access to care!



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