

VIPOC Newsletter June 2024

Dear Members

Welcome to our June newsletter! We hope this message finds you well and filled with inspiration from the incredible events of World Vitiligo Day. This month, we are excited to share the highlights, stories, and accomplishments that have made a significant impact on our community.

Message from President

As we reflect on the recent events and activities, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of our community. The past few months have been a testament to the incredible impact we can achieve together. None of this would be possible without the dedication and support of our volunteers, donors, and members. Your contributions, whether time, money, or expertise, have been invaluable. Together, we are creating a world where vitiligo is understood, accepted, and supported. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Let us continue to stand united, raise awareness, and support each other as we move forward.

Gaone Matewa, VIPOC President

World Vitiligo Day Recap

World Vitiligo Day 2024 was a truly eventful and remarkable day! Our VIPOC members went all out to celebrate WVD in their own unique ways, each representing their respective organizations with incredible enthusiasm and energy. The advocacy and support extended by VIPOC members made this year's event an absolutely beautiful and awe-inspiring affair.

On World Vitiligo Day, there was an incredible development as vitiligo was officially recognized as a disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This fantastic news was shared by the Provincial Minister of Health of Haut-Katanga in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Shweta Association held a Vitiligo Fashion Show regarding World Vitiligo Day to honor body positivity, self-image, and self-acceptance. The Mexican Vitiligo and Skin Diseases organisation also held a fashion show where children took pictures with "Barbie and Ken" props to convey an important message to children about vitiligo.

VIPOC representatives were requested to share their videos in their native languages to unite in advocacy and celebrate World Vitiligo Day. The French Vitiligo Association put it together making it a wonderful video. Click the "Read More" button to watch the video and read more on more World Vitiligo Events by VIPOC members.

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VIPOC Fourth Conference - Cairo



Get ready for an incredible event – the Vitiligo International Symposium (VIS) is thrilled to be hosting the Vitiligo International Patient Organization Committee (VIPOC) for their next conference in Cairo, Egypt. This will be VIPOC's fourth vitiligo conference, and it's happening from December 13th to 15th. We're anticipating the participation of patient leaders and stakeholders from all over the world who will come together to delve into crucial vitiligo-related topics. Join us at the conference and reserve your spot now by pre-registering! It's an event you won't want to miss!

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Member Community Updates



36 Members



27 Countries



3 Conferences

VIPOC has been absolutely buzzing with activity lately! The Vitiligo International Patient Organization has been on fire with their advocacy and awareness efforts. Members have been achieving some incredible milestones and just recently celebrated World Vitiligo Day in a big way! It's amazing to see VIPOC members strides they are making in raising awareness and advocating for people with vitiligo. We currently have 36 members from 27 countries and have successfully hosted 3 conferences. It's exciting to see our organisation's reach expanding to so many different parts of the world!

Wow, it's incredibly exciting to welcome our newest members, Masse World (USA), Vitiligo Voices Canada, Royal Patches (Kenya), Vitiligo Association of Uganda, and So Rare They Stare (USA). This new addition to our community furthers our goal of strengthening vitiligo advocacy.



Achievements

USA

The Litty Ligo Vitiligo Community Network has been awarded up to \$35,000 for their project, *Beautiful Both Ways: A Celebration of You*, which aims to support the vitiligo community by addressing obstacles related to body image, self-esteem, and mental health through an in-person event featuring workshops and activities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to be professionally photographed and have their stories featured in an anthology book.



The CEO of the Vitiligo Research Foundation, Yan Valle, was in attendance at the 14th annual PDI Congress in Lasi, which was hosted by Prof. Daciana Brănișteanu and had 1500 attendees. VIPOC extends its congratulations to Yan Valle for receiving a prestigious award in recognition of his presentation on 'Use of AI for Patient Education', showcasing the AI-Guide On Vitiligo. Well done! Continue to reach the greatest heights!

It's truly inspiring to see Alisha Archibald spreading a message of self-love through her book and speaking engagements. Her journey with vitiligo must have been incredibly impactful for the girls at #QueensCircle. It's always empowering to see individuals like Alisha making a positive difference in the world. The book reflects the purpose and the main principle of So Rare They Stare.



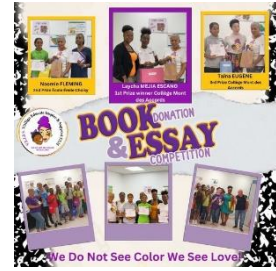
India



Dr. Maya Tulpule, the Founder of the Shweta Association, received recognition at the BMM 2024 in San Francisco, California, for her efforts in dispelling myths about Vitiligo. Furthermore, Dr. Maya Tulpule organization, Shweta Association celebrated the official publication of 'Rang Manache' the Annual Magazine of Shweta Association on 21st of April by the hands of Honourable Chief Guest Dr. Girish Kulkarni (Founder, Snehalay Ahmednagar). It is heartening to witness the remarkable success of our VIPOC member, Dr. Maya Tulpule.

Saint-Martin

V.E.I.S.S and the Médiathèque Territoriale of the Collectivité of Saint-Martin collaborated for an essay competition on the theme of 'Inspiration.' The prize ceremony, held on July 2nd, 2024, awarded certificates and prizes to the winners from Émile Choisy secondary school and Collège Mont des Accords middle-school.



Upcoming events

The Zeevitiligo Nigeria Support Community will be hosting Lively Positively with Vitiligo Workshop on the 18th of July, 2024. Time 10:30 am - 6:00 pm (WAT) at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. This workshop aims to bring together individuals affected by vitiligo, their families, healthcare professionals, and supporters to encourage positive conversations and provide valuable insights into living with vitiligo.

The V Strong Vitiligo Support Community will be hosting a meeting with the agenda discussion of the Incyte Ingenuity Award 2024, VStrong Picnic on August 17th, The World Vitiligo Day update, an open discussion, and 'What's up doc?' on July the 11th at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm (EST). The location is New Center One, 3031 W Grd Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202 7th floor.

Latest News



The Mexican Vitiligo and Skin Disease organisation inaugurated the travelling photographic exhibition “Vitiligo: una piel de colores” (Vitiligo: A Skin of Colors)...

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The Provincial Minister of Health of Haut-Katanga (Democratic Republic of Congo) announced that on World Vitiligo Day 2024, the DRC officially...

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