

Membership Guidelines

Realize, brings together the traditionally separate worlds of HIV, disability and rehabilitation.

Through its leadership in research, education and cross-sector partnerships, *Realize* is working to address the rehabilitation needs of people living with HIV – and changing the future of HIV prevention, care, treatment and support.

Participation Opportunities

Realize benefits from everyone's ideas and input. As a member, your opportunities to participate in *Realize*'s work are limitless, but include such things as attending *Realize* events, hosting an educational session in your community, sharing your work and ideas through *Realize*'s newsletter, and expanding your network of colleagues. Through member participation, we build a stronger community of people interested in HIV, disability and rehabilitation.

Membership Structure

Membership category	Membership Benefits & Rights	Membership Responsibilities
All Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May participate on <i>Realize</i> committees • Receive newsletters, belong to listserv, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must agree to support <i>Realize</i>'s Mission, Vision and Goals, including its spirit of collaboration.
Member: Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May attend national meetings. • Are eligible for discounts on <i>Realize</i> courses and resources. • May apply for expense reimbursement to attend <i>Realize</i>'s AGM, or other events • May vote and hold office on Board of Directors 	
Associate: Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May attend national meetings. • May not vote or hold office. 	
Member: Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May send one official delegate to national meetings. • Official delegate may vote and hold office on Board of Directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide evidence of representing the work of <i>Realize</i> to their organization • Must provide an annual letter of support from the organization, with the name and signature of an official contact person.***
Associate: Not-for- Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May send representative(s) to national meetings. • Representative(s) may not vote or hold office. 	
Corporate Sponsors / For-Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by Donor policies established by the Development Committee and approved by the Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by Donor policies established by the Development Committee and approved by the Board.

All members and associates agree to support *Realize's* Mission, Vision, and Goals, including its spirit of collaboration.

***Realize's* Mission**

Realize is a leader and catalyst for improved rehabilitation services for people living with HIV through integrated research, education, policy and practice.

***Realize's* Vision**

The daily lives of people living with HIV are improved in direct and meaningful ways by rehabilitation care, support and services.

Mandate:

- Coordinate a national response to, facilitate and support the development of, and provide advice on rehabilitation issues in the context of HIV
- Promote and undertake projects in rehabilitation in the context of HIV

Goals:

- Promote innovation and excellence in rehabilitation in the context of HIV
- Facilitate development of / access to rehabilitation resources for people living with HIV
- Develop new knowledge and awareness in rehabilitation in the context of HIV
- Collaborate with partners in other sectors and disability groups on issues of common concern
- Address the needs of families, communities and caregivers as these relate to disability and rehabilitation in the context of HIV

Membership Process

To join:

- All membership applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval
- Applicants will be notified of the results of the review, and membership is effective immediately upon acceptance by the Board

Once you are a member:

- New members will be presented to the next Membership meeting.
- Full members (see structure) may vote for, or stand for election to, the Board of Directors at the next Annual Meeting.
- All members are welcome to provide input into ***Realize's*** work in any of the following ways:
 - Informal: - approach any board member
- sit on a committee, each of which provides information and input to the board
 - Formal: - newsletter
- round-table check-in
- The Board of Directors is responsible for developing and guiding the overall policies and directions of the work of ***Realize***.