



# Empowering rare disease advocates through mentorship

Launched in 2025 to build leadership and advocacy capacity among rare disease advocates.

Open to **all Open Academy Alumni only**. Combines virtual group mentoring with expert-led Masterclasses.

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# Mentoring programme details

## Duration



Four-month programme running from December 2025 through March 2026.

## Structure



Small group mentoring with one mentor guiding 4-5 mentees. 20 advocates in

## Commitment



Just one hour per month.

## Format



Meetings, conducted virtually, will be organised by EURORDIS.

Participation is **completely free** for all Open Academy Alumni.

# Focus Areas



## Community Advisory Boards

Learn to establish and lead effective patient advisory groups.



## Mental Health & Rare Disease Orgs

Support your community feeling comfortable giving space to have conversations around MH



## Patient partnership in clinical networks

Develop skills to collaborate with healthcare professionals.



## Accreditation programme for care centres of excellence

Navigate excellence center accreditation

# Programme Structure & Application Process



## **Applications open in September 2025**

Choose one topic of interest that match your advocacy goals.



## **Selection process**

Based on experience, needs, and leadership potential.



## **Notification**

20 selected participants will be notified in October and matched with their groups & mentor



## **Programme begins**

November 2025 kickoff with orientation meeting and resources.

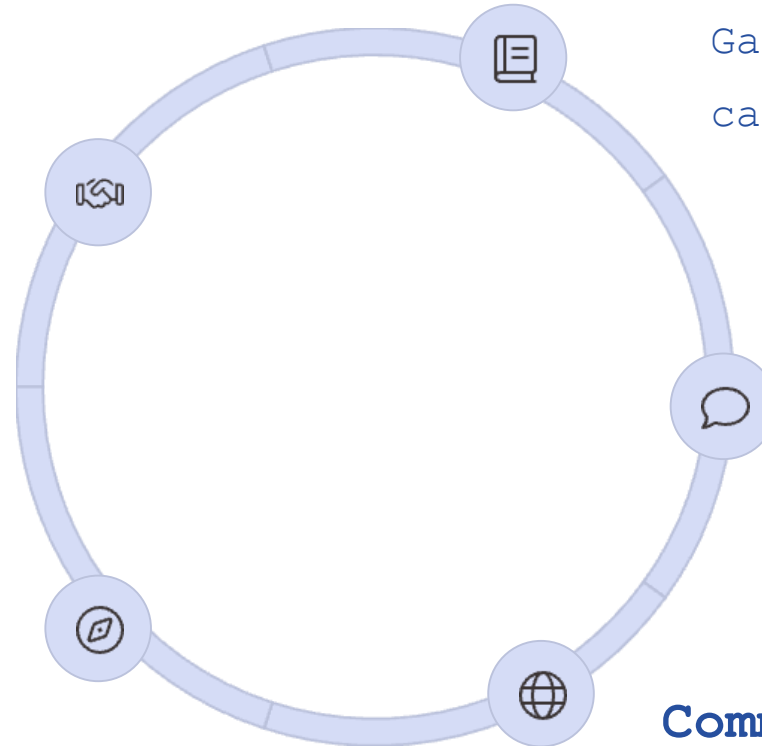
# Why join the mentoring programme?

## Expert guidance

Learn from experienced mentors.

## Strategic direction

Navigate advocacy challenges with expert strategic guidance.



## Peer learning

Gain insights from real-world case studies and fellow advocates

## Confidence growth

Develop skills for effective stakeholder engagement.

## Community building

Join a network of rare disease advocacy leaders.

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