

CONNECTING
LEADERS IN
MENTAL HEALTH
DISABILITY
SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION



Global
Leadership
Exchange

Connecting leaders globally

We create space for sharing **ideas**, **knowledge**, and **best practice** to help spread innovation, improve services and **change lives**.

GLE members



Our members come from all over the world and are committed to leading change and to learning about new or different ways of working to improve the lives of people with mental health, disability or addiction needs.

Some have many years of experience, and some are just starting out, and we believe we can all learn from each other.

Our global community is vast and wide-ranging consisting of organizational, policy, government, service, experts by experience, academic and faith leaders.



Leadership Principles underpin our work

We ask all members and subscribers to GLE to sign-up to our principles. We regularly revisit these and seek input from members to ensure they are relevant and reflect the ever changing and expanding environments we find ourselves in.



Benefits of being a member of GLE



Attendance at Leadership Exchange, webinars & access to resources and presentations



International Leaders Network



Online membership portal launching soon



GLE Monthly Exchange (newsletter)



Reports & Publications



Exposure to emerging innovations and knowledge exchange

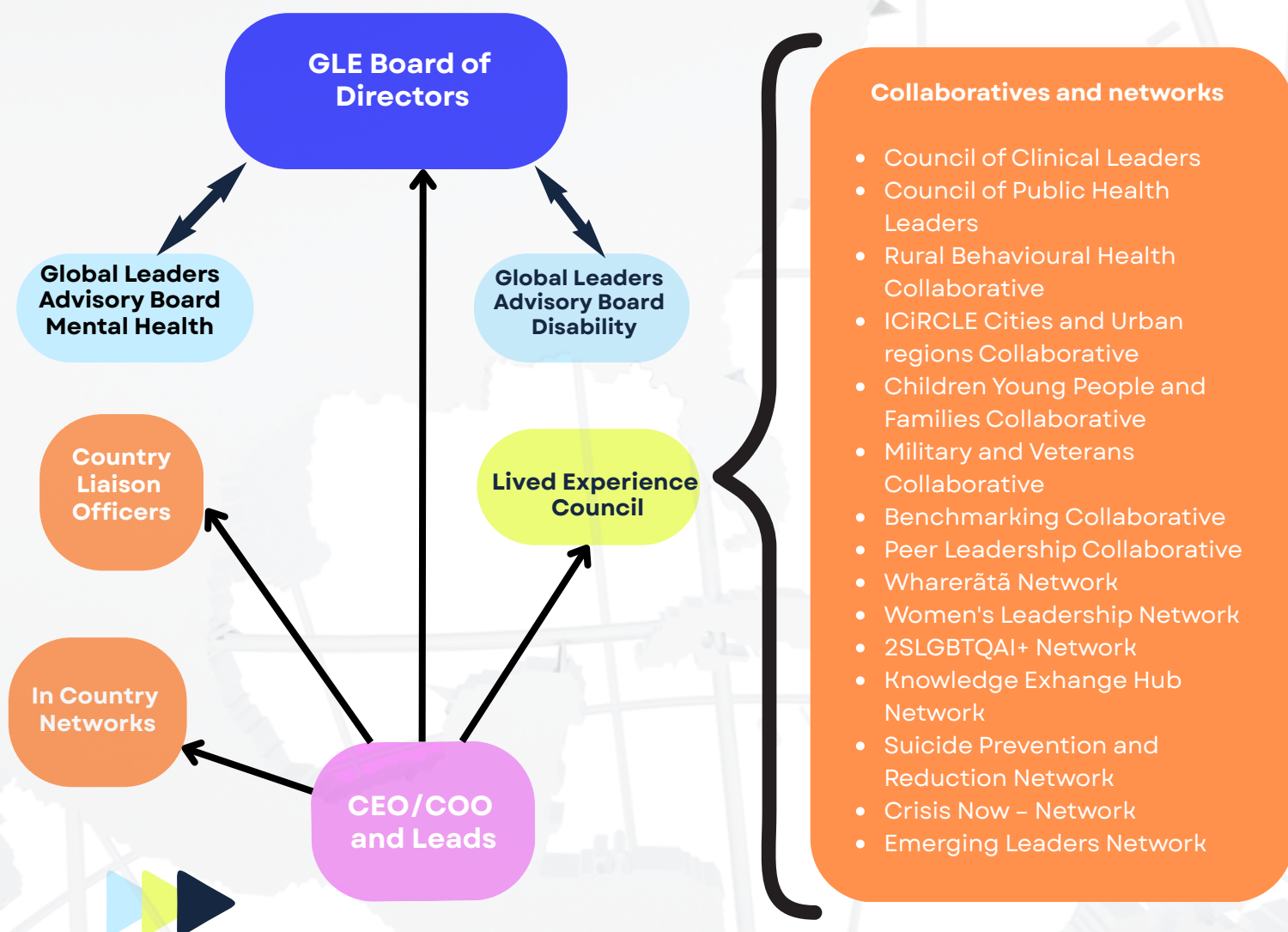


Knowledge Exchange Collaborations - usually member-led





GLE Operations



The way we work



We are a global collaboration

- ▶▶ A virtual international office is led by Steve Appleton, President/CEO.
- ▶▶ A small global team works flexibly across multiple time-zones providing a wide range of expertise, network facilitation, membership coordination, communication and administrative support.
- ▶▶ We are funded by departments/ organizations in Australia, Canada, England, Italy, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Slovakia, Sweden, USA and Wales
- ▶▶ We currently have almost 5,000 members subscribed





About our Leadership Exchange

- Our main event is our Leadership Exchange which happens every two years and is mainly an in-person event, hosted within one of our funding countries and attended by up to 600 of our members.
- We host a series of Matches (similar to innovation labs or workshops) in the lead up to the event, and outcomes and learning is played back to all attendees where more discussions take place, and leaders plan the next level of activity or engagement to keep the conversation going and ensure learning continues in between the Leadership Exchange event.
- [Our last Leadership Exchange was held in Utrecht, Netherlands, June 2024](#)
 - In-Person Workshops (Matches): June 24 and 25
 - Welcome Reception: June 26
 - In-Person Network Meeting: June 27 and 28
- Visitors came from all over the world, primarily from our 13 investing countries/regions



GLE is now starting to plan for the next Leadership Exchange in June 2026 in Canada.



Snapshot of GLE activity



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Advisory Groups

Global Leadership Advisory Groups (GLAGs) have been established to oversee and inform the work and strategic priorities for the organization. **Substance Use** is represented within the Mental Health and Disability Advisory Groups.

Mental Health

Disability

Mental health responses must be tailored to community and population needs

There is no universal approach to designing and delivering mental health services. Instead, the value of community-based approaches is highlighted. The content focuses on the importance of tailoring mental health responses to the specific needs of different communities and populations.

MENTAL HEALTH & HOUSING: The Importance of Investing in Social Rights

The World Health Organization is calling for investment in social rights to the mental health and housing of people. This content discusses the link between mental health, housing, and social rights, and the need for investment in these areas.

Harry Georgiou at DFN Project SEARCH on key issues facing young people with a learning disability or autism and his experience of being LGBTQ+

Harry Georgiou is the Youth Advisory and Co-Production Assistant at DFN Project SEARCH. In this video, he shares his experience of being LGBTQ+ and his work with young people with learning disabilities or autism.

Experience, Activism and Transformation: Developing Peer Leadership in the USA

Robert Smith, Kiki Madsen, and Laura Van Yon discuss their experiences and insights into developing peer leadership in the USA. The video explores the challenges and opportunities of this work.

Upcoming webinar: Connecting Canadian disability leaders

Join us for an upcoming webinar titled 'Connecting Canadian disability leaders'. This event will bring together Canadian disability leaders to discuss and share their experiences and insights.



Join GLE

We have a strong international mental health, disability and addictions leadership network and we are committed to strengthening relationships with existing and new members.

Scan the QR code above to find out more about becoming a member. Or check out more ways of getting in touch below.



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