

## STANDING COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE WITH ARTHRITIS/RHEUMATISM IN EUROPE

### OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Our activities will be informed by the following values and principles:

- a) We believe that organisations of people with arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions are most effective when they are **user-led or at least user-centred**. The EULAR Standing Committee of People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe should **promote and reflect this in its own activities and leadership**.
- b) We will also prioritise activities and projects which are led by and/or focus on and actively **involve people with arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions**.
- c) We will prioritise activities and projects which demonstrate that they will **benefit the wider community of people with arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions as well as the individuals directly participating; the 'wider community' includes people at risk of developing arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions**.
- d) We believe in promoting the **social model of disability** and will seek to promote this through our work; we are committed to equal opportunities, recognising that the diversity of the arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions community is one of its strengths.
- e) We will be **transparent, accountable, representative and inclusive** in our governance structures and activities.
- f) We will determine **objectives and outcomes** for our activities, and **monitor and evaluate** our work against these.
- g) We will be **collaborative** in our activities, seeking opportunities to work in **partnership** with others both within and outside the arthritis/musculoskeletal conditions community. We will also prioritise activities and projects which promote partnership.
- h) We will **review** our values and principles regularly.