Bio:
Cameron has worked with IDF Europe since the Summer of 2024 and is the Youth Engagement and Strategy lead. They have lived with type 1 diabetes for nearly half of their life. Since their diagnosis, they have developed a strong passion for improving the lives of people living with all types of diabetes through research, engagement, and advocacy. Over the past decade, they have worked in various health and social justice organisations, focusing on creating change together and ensuring that the voices of those with lived experience are heard.

Cameron has also completed a PhD in Stem Cell and Parkinson's Disease Research at the University of Galway, where they have refined their research skills and deepened their commitment to co-creation in meaningful research

Abstract:
From Diagnosis to Advocacy. Cameron will share his personal journey with type 1 diabetes (T1D), from diagnosis to advocacy, reflecting on the loneliness and challenges, as well as unexpected opportunities, that shaped his experience, and the crucial support of diabetes nurses, which helped inspire his move into advocacy so that other young people with T1D could feel better supported. Central to this journey has been his involvement in the IDF Europe Youth Programme, which he will discuss before presenting it more broadly. Including its role in empowering young people with T1D across Europe, FEND's consistent support since its creation, and the strong presence of diabetes nurses throughout its camps, both through FEND and national diabetes associations.

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