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LEADERSHIP IN NEW ORGANISATIONS

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In the last decade I served as president of the Dutch Association of Psychiatric Trainees, Secretary General of the European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees and first president ever of the World Association of Young Psychiatrists and Trainees. My ideas were based on my experience as one of the European leaders of the European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT). Psyched and thrilled as I was having opportunities faced in the EFPT I thought it would be great to start a world wide association for psychiatric trainees and young psychiatrists. In this presentation I will share my experience as a (new) international leader in Psychiatry and the lessons I learned, the strength, challenges and difference of the World Association of Young Psychiatrists and Trainees (WAYPT) in comparison with the European and Dutch experience.

Learning objectives:

1. the attendee will learn about the competencies an international leader in Psychiatry needs;
2. the attendee will learn about the challenges a international leader faces;
3. the attendee will learn to overview different levels of the organization: national, continental and worldwide.

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