The European Lung Foundation is dedicated to bringing patients and the public together with respiratory professionals to improve respiratory health. This activity includes actively involving patients in healthcare by ensuring the patient voice is incorporated at every level of ERS activities as well as disseminating the highest quality patient resources and communicating and translating the work of ERS to those outside the respiratory field.

- 3 new Patient Advisory Groups in sleep apnoea, COPD and bronchiectasis in children
- New website launched focused on patient priorities for ChILD
- Patients as part of RESPIRE 3 interview panel
- Translation of “your lungs at work” occupational tool into German, Dutch, French and Portuguese

3 new resources produced this year that are now available in 29 languages
Patients involved in 25 task forces and 10 CRCs
216 new learner registrations for the European Patient Ambassador Programme
66,000 factsheet downloads from ELF website
55,500 visitors to the ELF website each month
Social media following growth of 40% on Facebook and 25% on Twitter

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