

Election Statement

If elected, as one of the Caribbean representatives to the ILEA-North America Committee, it would be an honour to serve as this platform would create opportunities to improve the care and welfare of children, adolescents and adults living with epilepsy.

In 2014, through the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean, it was very gratifying to help organize a workshop dedicated to the training of dietitians in the Caribbean in the implementation of the ketogenic diet. This offered an alternative therapy in the treatment of children with epilepsy and some of these children have benefitted from this.

One goal would be lobbying for change so that new guidelines and laws could be made to afford driving privileges to people with epilepsy living in the Caribbean. The law presently holds that Caribbean people with epilepsy are not eligible to hold a driver's license. Another would be the procurement of genetic testing for children with epilepsy encephalopathies.

As a result of the pandemic we have expanded our means of communicating virtually. Working together with my Caribbean colleagues as well as North American colleagues for the benefit of the epilepsy community would be a privilege.

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