

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY FOR POSITION ON GLEPHA BOARD

BOARD POSITION NOMINATED FOR: ORDINARY MEMBER

NAME: Auke van Dijk



CANDIDATE STATEMENT (350 WORDS MAX)

Please compose your candidate statement, which **WILL** be included on the online election ballot and may be shared with the membership in any communique about the board election. When writing your statement, please be sure to answer the following:

1. Are you or have you already been involved in the GLEPHA? If so, please describe.
2. What leadership, governance or board/committee experience/skills/expertise would you contribute to the board?
3. What do you think should be GLEPHA's top 3 priorities and why?
4. Other relevant information

Since 2005 I have been a strategist with the police in the Netherlands. My work concerns future directions of policing, especially as related to vulnerable groups, marginalized communities, policing diversity, public protection, multi-agency (including leadership) and the further development of police – academic relations. In 2012 I was invited to give a talk on the First International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health in Melbourne, primarily based on my work on multi-agency approaches in policing in the Netherlands and community policing in South Africa (Cape Town). The broad subject of this first LEPH conference – and the people attending it – were a source of inspiration and coincided for me clearly with strategic objectives in policing. Consequently, I was involved in organizing the second (2014) and third (2016) International Conferences on Law Enforcement and Public Health in Amsterdam; and a member of the program committee for the fourth conference in Toronto (2018), the fifth conference in Edinburgh (2019), and the sixth – virtual – conference in Philadelphia (2021). I have been a member of the board of the Association since the start in 2017.

The most important asset I bring to the board is probably my commitment to furthering the LEPH agenda, both from an academic perspective as from a professional perspective. For me it is clearly also about the future of policing, and I do think this is an important time in that regard, see for example the GLEPHA *Envisaging the future* project on alternative approaches to classic law and order responses to urgent societal issues. Most important priorities to me for GLEPHA are the following. First, to facilitate progress towards a convincing and coherent political agenda on LEPH, building on the work done by the members on different subjects in different global regions. Second, making the Association more robust in terms of resources and organisation, as to support especially the Special Interest Groups and the emerging regional networks. Third, constitute LEPH as an academic transdisciplinary field in its own right thereby generating further research funding and LEPH education and training.