



ALMA MATA GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2009

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Key news this month is the launch of Global Health Tuesdays in London, a great chance to meet with like-minded global health keen-beans.

If you find the events too London-centric, please send word of happenings outside to newsletter@almamata.net.

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FIRST EVER GLOBAL HEALTH TUESDAY

Location: Big Chill House, King's Cross, London

Date: Tuesday 6th October 2009, 19:00 - c.23:00

London's first ever regular meet-up-evening-out-kick-back-get-together for boys and girls who are passionate about global health. Semi-hosted (at arm's length) by the Working Group of the Alma Mata Global Health Network, we want to establish a relaxed, friendly, regular social event where young people interested in global health can meet, chat and exchange ideas and experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

We have the obligatory facebook group - search for Global Health Tuesdays and invite your cybermates!

More info: www.almamata.net/tuesdays

BMA WEBSITE FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

The BMA have launched a new section of their website focusing on their international activities. The site covers work in areas of international development, fairtrade, health worker migration and other global health campaigns. Specific guidance for UK healthcare professionals wishing to work overseas (and vice versa) is provided.

More info: www.bma.org.uk/international

careers

INTERESTED IN WORKING OR TRAINING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES?

If you're a UK doctor in training, see a new video on the BMA's International Department website where Abi Smith discusses the options available to trainees who are interested in training abroad.

More info:

http://www.bma.org.uk/international/working_abroad/broadeningyourhorizons.jsp

events

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: WHAT NEXT?

Date: Tuesday 6th October, 5 - 6pm followed by refreshments

Location: Gustav Tuck Lecture Theatre, Wilkins Building, UCL.

The Commission on Social Determinants of Health collected and synthesized global evidence on the Social Determinants of Health, and made recommendations for action on achieving health equity. As economies globally emerge from recession, there is an urgent need to take forward the two linked agendas of green growth to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and measures to improve health and reduce health inequities.

Professor Sir Michael Marmot will outline some of the responses to the Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Professor Orazio Attanasio will discuss the role of Conditional Cash Transfer programs and Dr Maria Kett will discuss the role of conventions on violence, conflict and disability within the context of Social Determinants of Health.

DISABILITY AND WOMEN'S HEALTH: EMERGING ISSUES IN AN OVERLOOKED POPULATION

Date: Thursday 8th October, 5-7pm followed by drinks

Location: Wilkins Garden Room, UCL

The UCL Global Disability Research Group is pleased to invite you to the first seminar in their UCL Futures Seminar Series: 'Disability and Women's Health – Emerging Issues in an Overlooked Population'

Speakers: Professor Anthony Costello (UCL Institute for Global Health), Professor Nora Groce (Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre), Dr Janet Price (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

Chair: Dr Maria Kett (Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre)

More info: Go to the [website](#) and click on the registration link. This event is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

JOURNEYS AND JUSTICE: FORCED MIGRATION, SEEKING ASYLUM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Date: Friday 29th January 2010

Location: University of Leeds, UK

This conference will examine the journeys of forced migrants. It will explore these journeys through the lenses of justice and human rights. A key part of the conference will be to debate better solutions to the problems of injustice and human rights denial that so often taint the journeys of forced migrants.

Key speakers:

Eleonore Kofman (Professor of Gender, Migration and Citizenship, Middlesex University)

Hsiao-Hung Pai (author of 'Chinese Whispers: The True Story Behind Britain's Hidden Army of Labour').

Cost: £40 full cost, £20 reduced cost

More information:

<http://www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/research/conferences/journeys-and-justice.html>

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

The Lancet and UCL concluded that, “Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century”¹. Health leaders are calling for individual healthcare professionals use their respected and trusted positions in society to put pressure on politicians to take decisive action on climate change².

Explore the issues and sign up to health-related climate change campaigns, including:

<http://www.greenerhealthcare.org>

<http://www.1010uk.org/>

1. Health and climate change, M Jay and M G Marmot, BMJ 2009 339: b3669
2. BMJ 2009;339:b3672

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REFUGEE COUNCIL TRAINING

7 October - Cultural Aspects of working with refugees and asylum seekers

14 October - Working with Interpreters

23 October - Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people

Fees: £99 reduced rate (NGO or voluntary organisation), £160 standard rate (statutory/educational body/business)

Location: Brixton, London.

More info: training@refugeecouncil.org.uk

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/fulldetails.htm>

P.S. If you are interested in global health, why not consider joining the working group? We are open to new members who would like to do some work e.g. interviewing people for the website. Please drop me a line: [click here to email Katie](#).