

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Medsin UCL newsletter! Next Tuesday (18th November) at 7pm we will be showing our first film of the brand new Global Health Film Series. Please read on to find out more

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Medsin UCL Events:

1. MEDÉCINS SANS FRONTIÈRES: EXPLAINED
2. Medsin Campaigns Day
3. Global Health Film Series - "The Devil Came on Horseback"

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1. MEDÉCINS SANS FRONTIÈRES: EXPLAINED

Date: Tuesday 11th November (Today)
 Time: 19.00-20.00
 Venue: Gavin De Beer LT (Anatomy Building Ground Floor)

Speaker: Dr Karen Bevan Mogg

Hear from a clinician working on the front-line of humanitarian crises. Learn about the achievements of a world-renowned aid agency. Gain a unique insight into delivering HIV medicine, basic and emergency care, and training in Northern Uganda, Zambia and Russia.

Please email uclmsf@gmail.com for more info

2. Medsin Campaigns Day

Date: Saturday 15th November
 Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Venue: Institute of Child Health

Medsin are running another Campaigns Day to train, inspire and take your campaigning to new heights. The day will consist of speakers to fire up the activist in you and trainers on a wide range of campaigning skills.

Expect to benefit from wise words from Mike Rowson and Rhona Macdonald, workshops from external professional NGOs and information about campaigns running in Medsin. The day will suit both experienced people in campaigning and those more fresh to the area.

To book a place contact campaignsday@medsin.org with your name and branch. Please note accommodation and food aren't provided, meaning the day is free!

3. Global Health Film Series – "The Devil Came on Horseback

Date: Tuesday 18th November
Time: 7:00p.m
Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

THE DEVIL CAME ON HORSEBACK exposes the tragedy taking place in Darfur as seen through the eyes of an American witness who has since returned to the US to take action to stop it.

Using the exclusive photographs and first hand testimony of former U.S. Marine Captain Brian Steidle, THE DEVIL CAME ON HORSEBACK takes the viewers on an emotionally charged journey into the heart of Darfur, Sudan, where an Arab run government is systematically executing a plan to rid the province of it's black African citizens. As an official military observer, Steidle had access to parts of the country that no journalist could penetrate. He was unprepared for what he would witness and experience, including being fired upon, taken hostage, and being unable to intervene to save the lives of young children. Ultimately frustrated by the inaction of the international community, Steidle resigned and returned to the US to expose the images and stories of lives systematically destroyed.

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Other Related Events

1. HOPE for Children Volunteering Presentation
2. Forty years of Silence: Genocide in Indonesia (film premiere)

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1. HOPE for Children Volunteering Presentation

Date: Wednesday November 12th (tomorrow)
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00 pm
Venue: Chadwick LT, basement of Chadwick building (immediate right as you walk into quad from Gower St)

We would like to invite you to a presentation, in conjunction with UCL volunteering society, regarding overseas volunteering programmes run by the charity HOPE for Children (www.hope4c.org) in Zambia, India and Uganda.

These eight week programmes will take place in summer 2009 and will involve a group of volunteers living and working together - experiencing a totally different culture.

HOPE for Children is an international children's charity working with disabled, orphaned and exploited children in thirty countries worldwide - the majority of their work being in Africa and Asia.

2. Forty years of Silence: Genocide in Indonesia (film premiere)

Date: Thursday 13th November

Time: 4.00 - 5.30pm

Venue: Stevenson Lecture Theatre, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London

Part of the 'Making Things Better' public lecture series presented by UCL and the British Museum. For further details on the programme telephone the British Museum box office (020 7323 8181) or email Olga Lupu, UCL Centre for Applied Global Citizenship.

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Action of the week: World Toilet Day

Next week on the 19th of November will mark World Toilet Day - a day on which campaigners will call governments to account on the scandalous inaction on water and sanitation globally. Falling also in the International Year of Sanitation, this will be a day to remember sadly that 40% of the world's population still lacks access to sanitation.

Medsin will be presenting a petition to Gordon Brown and Douglas Alexander, calling for water and sanitation to be made an international health priority. We're asking you to do all you can to get signatures to hand in to Number 10 Downing Street: ask your friends, get up in lectures and do a shout-out, hold a stall on your campus, anything and everything you can!

Here's how to do this at your branch:

1: Print off the petition from www.medsin.org/newsletter/195 and get your friends, housemates or coursemates to sign the petition. Lecture-shout outs can work particularly well. Send all signatures collected to student@lancet.com

2: Send your name, e-mail address, medical school, year of study and country to student@lancet.com with the line:

"I confirm that I have given permission for my name and details above to be added to the petition/letter to Gordon Brown and Douglas Alexander"

3: Use the presentation attached to this page to publicise the petition at talks, lectures or anywhere you can. Get everybody you can to sign this petition to make our voices heard!

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