

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to another Medsin UCL newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed all the World AIDS Day events that have taken place at UCL this week. The big news for this week is that the second issue of Medsin UCL's Global Health Magazine "Perspectives" is out tomorrow (Friday 5th December) on our website! Please read on to find out how you can get your hands on a free printed copy.

Also, we are having a very important open meeting next Tuesday to get more people involved with Medsin UCL next term. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, see below for more details

Finally there is a Friends of MSF film screening TODAY so please read on for more.

For more information on our latest events visit our website [www.uclmedsin.org](http://www.uclmedsin.org)  
Please also sign up to the Medsin National mailing list at [www.newsletter.medsin.org](http://www.newsletter.medsin.org)

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### **Medsin UCL Events:**

1. Global Health Magazine Issue 2 Launch Event
2. Medsin UCL Open Meeting
3. MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES: FILM SCREENING

#### **1. Global Health Magazine "Perspectives" Issue 2 Launch**

Date: Tuesday 9th December

Time: 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Venue: UCL Union Ground Floor (25 Gordon Street, London, WC1H 0AY)

Come and get your hands on a FREE printed copy of the magazine which contains articles on the world of tribal medicine, details on how to shop ethically this Christmas and a debate on whether Barack Obama will bring about a global health revolution.

As always, you can also catch up on the latest global health news and read book and film reviews.

There is also a 20% off voucher for all PasTest books in this issue!

You can also pick up a copy anytime from the CSC 2nd floor reception, Huntley Street, Rockefeller cafe and various common rooms at UCL.

Alternatively you can also view the magazine in PDF format on our website [www.uclmedsin.org](http://www.uclmedsin.org) from tomorrow (Friday 5th December) onwards.

If you want to get involved with the 3rd issue please email [medsinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:medsinmagazine@gmail.com)

#### **2. Medsin UCL Open Meeting**

Date: Tuesday 9th December

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue - 2nd Floor Bar at the UCL Union (here is a link to a map - <http://www.uclunion.org/leisure-fitness/maps.php>)

Address - 2nd Floor  
25 Gordon Street  
London  
WC1H 0AY

All are welcome. This newsletter reaches over 1000 people and we have over 150 members of Medsin UCL and we want to get more of you involved in our activities!

Please do come along to this meeting to find out more about our new projects such as the Global Health Education Project, Crossing Borders and "Health through Research"

We are also looking for course reps and for committee members so please attend the meeting.

**3. MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES: FILM SCREENING**

Date: Today (Thursday 4th December)  
Time: 19.00  
Venue: AV Hill Lecture Theatre (Medical Sciences Building)

'Invisibles' is an award-winning documentary, inspired by the work of Medecins Sans Frontieres. The five topics covered are among the most neglected humanitarian crises worldwide:

- Sleeping sickness in the Central African Republic
- Chagas Disease in Bolivia
- Refugees in Colombia
- Child soldiers in Northern Uganda
- Sexual violence in Democratic Republic of Congo.

The film casts light onto the experiences of individuals affected by these forgotten tragedies, and the work of a world-renowned aid agency.

Please do come along to this screening.

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**Other Related Events**

1. Too Hot to Handle: The Climate Change Time Bomb for Public Health
2. Human Rights and Disability: The Missing 10% of the World's Population'

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**1. Too Hot to Handle: The Climate Change Time Bomb for Public Health**

Date: Thursday 4th December (today)

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1

There is overwhelming evidence that humans are causing the world's climate to change, but what effect will this have on human health, and how will we adapt to these changes?

Professor Mark Maslin (UCL Environment Institute) and Professor Anthony Costello (UCL Institute for Global Health) will summarise the science of climate change, and reveal how these changes could affect human health globally. They will then address the complex issue of how to manage the health effects of climate change

**2. Human Rights and Disability: The Missing 10% of the World's Population'**

Date: Wednesday 10th December

Time: 4.30 pm - 6.00pm

Venue: JZ Young Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

There is growing interest in ensuring that marginalised groups, including women, children and members of ethnic and minority populations, have equal access to all health and development efforts. However one group – persons with disabilities – have been consistently left out of such efforts. This omission is all the more striking because it is estimated that people with disabilities make up 10% of the world's population.

In this symposium we will discuss why disability is an important issue for all those working in global health and development and why we need to improve policy and practice to better include this large – and largely overlooked – population.

Chair: Professor Anthony Costello (UCL Centre for International Health & Development)

Speakers:

- \* Professor Nora Groce (UCL Epidemiology & Public Health)
- \* Colm O'Connell BCL LLM LLM BL (UCL Laws)
- \* Dr Raymond Lang (Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, UCL Epidemiology & Public Health)
- \*Health Professor Sheila Wirz (UCL Institute of Child Health)

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