

Hello Everyone,

The big news for this week is that the second issue of Medsin UCL's Global Health Magazine "Perspectives" is now available 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 tomorrow to get more people involved with Medsin UCL. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, see below for more details

This will be the last newsletter of this term so have a great holiday!

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. Medsin UCL Presents Crossing Borders

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

Date: Tuesday 9th December (tomorrow)  
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 in the Bloomsbury theatre building, 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)

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 (tomorrow)  
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. Medsin UCL Presents Crossing Borders

Crossing Borders (part of Medsin UCL) is a network of students whose mission is to remove barriers to healthcare for refugees and asylum seekers. By educating future healthcare professionals, campaigning for policy change and running voluntary projects we hope to realise our belief that refugees and asylum seekers should receive the highest standard of healthcare irrespective of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.

We are hoping to set up a UCL branch. Each branch can choose a project/identify a need in the refugee or asylum seeker population by liaising with refugee community organisations and GP practices etc.

Potential projects could include: giving talks on the NHS to Refugee groups; a mentoring scheme for refugee doctors e.g. to improve English or assist with job applications; Health Advocacy: Run in GP practices to help refugees and asylum seekers communicate more efficiently with their GP and help them register and explain things more clearly.

If anyone is interested in getting involved, please email Mandy Grewal [m.grewal@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.grewal@ucl.ac.uk)

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### Other Related Events

#### 1. 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'Conneide 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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