

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to this weeks Medsin UCL newsletter. I hope many of you are busy working on your Global Health posters for the competition! We have a few One World Week events for you this week amongst other news and events. Enjoy!

For more information on our latest events visit our website www.uclmedsin.org

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Medsin UCL News and Events:

1. "RETHINKING HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE MUSLIM WORLD" – One World Week event (Tomorrow)
2. Global Health Stall at One World Week Fayre
3. "Global Health and Disability" Talk– One World Week event
4. Global Health Poster competition
5. "Whose NHS: Public Health or Private Wealth?" Talk
6. National Student Stop AIDS Training weekend

1. RETHINKING HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

Talk by Saleem Haddad

Date: Tuesday 3rd February 2009 (tomorrow)

Time: 19.00 (Please be prompt as main door closes 19.10 for security reasons)

Venue: Gavin de Beer LT (Anatomy Building Ground Floor, map:

<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=1178&d=19&w=False>)

Saleem Haddad works for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). He will be exploring the challenges of delivering humanitarian aid in Muslim contexts, especially those affected by the 'War on Terror'. He will consider the need to rethink the approach of humanitarian aid agencies in a changing global climate.

This talk is forms part of One World Week, delivered in partnership with UCL's Islamic Society.

UCL Friends of MSF

Website: <http://www.msf.org.uk/ucl.friend>

Email: uclmsf@googlemail.com

2. Global Health Stall at One World Week Fayre

Date: Wednesday 4th February

Time: 12.00-2.00pm

Venue: Cloisters

Come see our joint stall with the Institute of Global Health and the Leonard Cheshire Centre for the Inclusion of Disability in Development, for more information on global health opportunities within and beyond UCL!

3. Global Health and Disability Talk - One World Week Event

Date: Thursday 5th February

Time: 18.00 – 20.00

Venue: Haldane Room, Wilkins Building (map - <http://www.cscs.ucl.ac.uk/events-1/cs2-seminars/Haldane%20room.jpg/view?searchterm=None>)

"The need for inclusion of persons with disabilities in global health and development"

Hosted by UCLU Medsin Society, Leonard Cheshire Disability and the UCL Institute for Global Health

This talk and discussion will be led by Professor Nora Groce, who will raise awareness of and discuss the importance of addressing disability within the global health and development arena, a topic which is vastly overlooked. Prof Groce will also discuss the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Leonard Cheshire Disability, a UK established but internationally operational charity that provides services in support of disabled people and also campaigns for the civil and human rights of disabled people.

FREE – Just turn up

4. GLOBAL HEALTH POSTER COMPETITION

This year, Medsin UCL is hosting what we hope will be an annual Global Health Poster Competition. We invite all students from all departments to team up and research a global health topic of their choice, then to use their knowledge to create an informative poster, and with it give a short presentation on their work to be judged by a panel of UCL academics and students.

1st Place: £250

2nd Place: £100

3rd Place: £50

All Participants will receive Book Vouchers, a Certificate, and credit on the Medsin UCL Website.

You may apply as a full team (up to 4 students), an incomplete team, or as one person. We can team you up with other applicants if you want - in fact, we encourage you to email us with incomplete teams so that we can group you with other students from other departments.

The aim of the project is to encourage students to meet like-minded students from other departments, so try to vary students within your teams.

The Competition Resource Pack (available here: <http://uclmedsin.org/documents.htm>) contains all the details, advice and administration you will need; you must read this as it is important.

The first deadline for applications is **midnight Thursday 5th February**. Email your name, department, course and year of study to Medsin.ucl@gmail.com

Good luck!

5. Whose NHS: Public Health or Private Wealth?

Date: Tuesday 10th February
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: 26 Bedford Way, G03

Come along and hear about the issues facing the NHS today.
Are we headed for US style health care? What's a polyclinic? What's the fuss?
Hear a panel of speakers share their views and then get involved in the debate!
Speakers include Dr Wendy Savage, Professor Colin Leys and Dr Louise Irvine.

I heart NHS - Show you do too in a Valentine's Day demonstration!

In Camden, three GP surgeries have been taken over by United Health, one of the largest US private health insurance companies. There is now a bigger threat than ever to primary health care services in London as they are put out to tender and sold to the highest bidder. Join us on a march against NHS privatisation and show your support for our NHS!

Date: Saturday 14th February
Time: 11.00am
Venue: Join the crowd at Mornington Crescent Station
OR meet us beforehand at 10am in the UCL quad. Come dressed in scrubs/white coats and meet us under the banner

6. National Student Stop AIDS Training Weekend

The annual National Student Stop AIDs training weekend is from Friday 20th of February until Sunday 22nd February in Brighton. It looks set to be a truly inspiring and invigorating weekend thanks to support from the AIDs alliance and some fantastic expert speakers attending on the Friday. The experts include health policy experts from the Aids alliance and (as yet to be fully confirmed) Ellen T'Hoen a drug purchasing expert from UNITAID and formally MSF.

On the Saturday and Sunday an external facilitator will coordinate strategic planning for the future. For the bargain price of £10 you will get the weekend's activities, food, transportation and hostel accommodation. Please see the attached PDF for more information. Applications will be available soon and will have to be returned by Friday, so if you are interested please get in touch ASAP.

It would be great to get some new blood along to make UCL Student Stop Aids Campaign a real success next year.

You can visit the facebook event here:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/event.php?eid=48383627371>

Please email stopaidsucl@googlemail.com or medsin.ucl@gmail.com for an application form

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