

Hello everyone,

The big news for this week is that the Medsin UCL “**Climate Change and Global Health Conference**” is happening this Saturday! The event is free and places are running out fast so read on for how to register. Following the conference, on Tuesday March 17th we will have our AGM, which is the perfect chance to get involved with Medsin UCL next year. There is also news on the global health magazine and global health conference in Manchester. Enjoy!

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1. MEDSIN UCL ‘CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL HEALTH’ CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday 7th March (this Saturday!)

Time: 09.30 – 17.00

**Venue: Institute for Child Health
30 Guilford Street
WC1N 1EH**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Did you know that climate change will cause a global health catastrophe?

On Saturday March 7th Medsin UCL is hosting the London Regional Conference with our theme of ‘Healthy People, Healthy Planet’.

Two amazing additional speakers have now been confirmed - Dr. Stuart Robinson from UCL Earth Sciences and Dr. Mayer Hillman, Senior Emeritus Fellow at the Policy Studies Institute.

With a full day of plenaries, workshops and high-profile speakers, this conference will explain everything you wanted to know about climate change and global health. Confirmed speakers include: Anthony Costello, Director of the Institute for Global Health; Ian Roberts, Professor of Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and David Pencheon, Director of the NHS Sustainability Development Unit.

The second part of the day is entirely dedicated to advocacy. You will see what the role of the health profession, doctors and medical students is in tackling climate change. You will

see just how much opportunity there is for action and we will equip you with all the knowledge and skills you will need to be an active and engaging climate change advocate.

The day will be focused on our delegates. We want YOU to get as much out of the day as possible. We will be meeting and chatting to each of you individually to see what you can do and where you can go with climate change – whether in advocacy or elsewhere.

Places are FREE but very limited so make sure you register ASAP by emailing medsin.ucl@gmail.com with your name, course, year of study, phone number (so we can confirm your attendance nearer the date) and a bit about yourself. Accommodation will be provided for anyone coming from outside London.

See you there!

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2. Medsin UCL AGM

Date: Tuesday 17th March

Time: 6.00pm

**Venue: Roberts Building Room 110 (opposite Waterstones)
Torrington Place
London
WC1E 7JE**

Here's a link to a map http://www.ucl.ac.uk/maps/ucl-maps/map2_hi_res

Please come along to become part of the committee next year. Absolutely all are welcome. There are many varied positions available (see below) and no previous experience with Medsin UCL is required. Being part of the committee is very rewarding and it will look great on your CV!

We are especially keen to get non-medics involved on the committee for next year. Please remember that you must join Medsin to run for a position.

Here are the positions available:

- President/Co-presidents
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Global Health Magazine Editor
- Webmaster
- Course Representatives
- Art and Design Team
- Global Health Education Coordinator
- Stop AIDS Coordinator
- Malaria and Neglected Diseases Coordinator
- Water for All Coordinator

- Healthy Planet Coordinator
- Universities Allied for Essential Medicines Coordinator
- Save our NHS Coordinator
- Social Secretary

For more information on any of these positions please email medsin.ucl@gmail.com

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions **please write 250 words about why you would be suitable to medsin.ucl@gmail.com by Friday 13th March**

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3. Manchester Medsin Global Health Conference 2009

Date: Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th March

Time: All weekend

There is a group of UCL students attending this conference so if you plan on attending please email medsin.ucl@gmail.com. If enough UCL students are interested **we may be able to subsidise transport costs.**

The focus of this year's conference is 'Healthy Interventions', using contemporary case studies to illustrate controversial issues: Should the Sudanese government have had the right to refuse international aid to Darfur? Should military action accompany humanitarian interventions? How can organisations responsible for supplying aid be held accountable for the money they receive? Never have these issues been more important than in the current global climate.

Panels of experts including Rony Brauman (director of Medecins Sans Frontier in Paris and former president of MSF France), Major General Alan Hawley (head of the army medical services) and Professor Michael Woolcock, (Director of the Brooks World Poverty Centre), will engage with the delegates in animated discussions held at University Place, Manchester's new state of the art, environmentally friendly conference venue.

Tickets are £25 for students and include accommodation, food and a Saturday night social. For more information, and to book tickets please visit www.ghc09.org

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4. Medsin UCL Global Health Magazine 'Perspectives' – Issue 3 out now

The third issue of Medsin UCL's Global Health magazine 'Perspectives' is now available. This issue focuses on neglected diseases, with articles on the failure to eradicate polio and neglected tropical diseases. There are also articles on the financial crisis and a student's trip to Tanzania. As ever, you can also catch up on the latest news and reviews in the world of global health.

The magazine is available now to view/download on the Medsin UCL website:

www.uclmedsin.org

You can also pick up free print copies of the magazine from the CSC Reception (2nd floor of Bloomsbury building), the UCL union and the Rockefeller cafe.

We are currently looking for an Editor in Chief to run the magazine next academic year. If you wish to apply, or for information, please email medsinmagazine@gmail.com

This is a thoroughly rewarding position and full and training and support will be given. All are welcome to apply, and although previous experience with 'Perspectives' is preferable, it is not a requirement at all. Running the magazine will also look great on your CV!

Once the Editor in Chief has been chosen we will be advertising for writers, designers and sub-editors so look out for announcements in future newsletters

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