

Hello everyone,

The big news for this week is that our AGM will take place on Tuesday 17th March (next Tuesday) at 6pm in the Roberts Building Room 110 – please read on for more details. We hope to see you all there!

There is also news on a global health play, Student Stop AIDS day of action and the Manchester Medsin Global Health Conference 2009. Enjoy!

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#### 1. 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/maps/ucl-maps/map2_hi_res)

This year has been very successful for Medsin UCL. We have hosted one of the largest student conferences on Power & Politics in Global Health, launched a hugely successful Global Health Magazine, launched three new campaigns and hosted a range of workshops, lectures, film screenings and our second conference of the year on 'Climate Change & Health'. So now is a great time to get involved with Medsin UCL by attending our AGM!

Absolutely ALL are welcome to run for any position – we are especially looking for non-medics to run for positions. We will provide full training for all positions so no previous experience of Medsin or global health is required!

Being part of the committee is very rewarding and it will look great on your CV! There will also be free food and drink available at the AGM so please do come along!

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions below please email in your details to [medsin.ucl@gmail.com](mailto:medsin.ucl@gmail.com) by midnight on Monday 16th March.

Here are the committee positions available:

#### President/Co-Presidents

You are the head honcho/s. Your job is to delegate tasks and make sure things get done. You are not required to do all the Medsin tasks – that is for your team – but you are to coordinate them. You chair your committee meetings and steer Medsin in the direction that you and your team want to go.

#### Treasurer

As Medsin grows, so does our financial input and output. We need someone to keep on top of our money. Your job is to apply for sponsorship and grants and sort out expenditure.

#### Webmaster

Medsin UCL has one of the best student-led websites in the UK. We need it constantly updated and maintained. We need a webmaster who is on-the-ball and easily contactable.

#### Social Secretary

Medsin can be tiring, and socials are the ultimate cure all. We need someone to organise committee socials after meetings and full-Medsin socials every so often. We have lots of money in our account waiting to be spent on socials!

#### Global Health Magazine Editor

Perspectives is one of Medsin's biggest achievements this year. It is now well recognized across UCL as an important and exceptionally impressive magazine that receives the highest praise from all students, academics and departments.

#### Vice President for Events\*

Your job is to make sure that Medsin has a regular set of events for the year; planned well in advance. You get the loudest voice in choosing what events should be run: what speakers, what topics, what themes.

#### Vice President for Art & Design\*

Never underestimate the power of pretty colours. Your job is to be creative and design posters, logos and different ways to express global health.

#### Vice President for Media & Communication\*

This year we have had huge success with Media & Communications. We'd like to continue with photography, filming, articles, and audio communication publicising Medsin activities and events.

#### Vice President for Global Health Education\*

Education is the best way to raise awareness, get students interested, and widen participation in global health. Your job is to survey students' views and promote Core Curriculum and Course Unit/SSC global health education.

#### Campaign Coordinator: Stop AIDS Campaign\*

The Medsin Stop AIDS campaign is part of the Student Stop AIDS Campaign which campaigns for universal access to evidence-based prevention, sustainable treatment and care of HIV/AIDS.

#### Campaign Coordinator: Water for All Campaign\*

The Water4All campaign works in conjunction with the organization Water Aid by organizing fundraising and awareness raising events related to access to water and sanitation.

Campaign Coordinator: Healthy Planet\*

Healthy Planet campaigns on Climate Change from the health perspective through mobilisation, education and policy change.

Course Representatives

Medsin is not just for medical students. We want students from all across UCL to get involved and so we want links running both ways from all departments.

\* These positions all need teams. As a team member, you won't be part of the core committee but still a Medsin Committee Member. These positions are picked informally so come to the AGM and apply there.

YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO SUGGEST A COMMITTEE POSITION AND RUN FOR IT YOURSELF! Please email us your idea.

Please see [www.uclmedsin.org](http://www.uclmedsin.org) for full position details. Please email [medsin.ucl@gmail.com](mailto:medsin.ucl@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

See you at the AGM!

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## 2. The Illegals – a play by Actors for Human Rights

Date: Friday 20th March

Time: 17.45 – 21.00

Venue: Lower Refectory, Wilkins Building, Gower Street, UCL. View map -

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=Gower+Street%2C+London%2C+United+Kingdom>

Come along to a Medsin UCL/Global Health Advocacy Project/Defend Primary Healthcare Campaign event in association with Actors for Human Rights and Medecins du Monde

Iceandfire Theatre Company's outreach network, Actors for Human Rights, presents excerpts from their two plays: Asylum Monologues and The Illegals, which present first-hand accounts of people seeking sanctuary in the UK and people living and working here without papers.

Followed by a talk by Medecins du Monde (speaker to be confirmed) on access to health care for vulnerable migrants.

Please come early for free food and drinks and a chance to browse stalls provided by NGOs involved in migrant issues including the Refugee Council, Medecins du Monde, Medact, Medical Justice, StAR and the Helen Bamber Foundation

The evening is aimed at all students and health professionals with an interest in healthcare access issues for vulnerable groups, but EVERYONE is invited to what will be an entertaining, educational and motivating event.

The event will be FREE (we will be collecting donations) but places are limited, so please email [Lizzmoore84@gmail.com](mailto:Lizzmoore84@gmail.com) to reserve your seats

Find out more about The Illegals and Actors for Human Rights at: [www.iceandfire.co.uk/afhr/productions.html#Illegals](http://www.iceandfire.co.uk/afhr/productions.html#Illegals)

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### 3. Student Stop Aids Day of Action

Date: Tuesday 24th March

Time: 10am-4pm

Venue: Methodist Central Hall, Westminster (view map - [http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=central+hall+westminster&sll=51.502071,-0.127866&sspn=0.004722,0.009656&ie=UTF8&z=16](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=central+hall+westminster&sll=51.502071,-0.127866&sspn=0.004722,0.009656&ie=UTF8&z=16))

The annual Student Stop Aids Campaign Day of Action is fast approaching! This promises to be a very exciting day and is a perfect opportunity for you to get directly involved in the campaign.

We will be planning some visual stunts for the day but the main focus will be on speaking directly with our MPs about the campaign, this is where we really need your help.

Think it all sounds a bit scary? No need to worry, we've organised a training session to teach you about the campaign, update you with the latest news and give you some general tips and advice about speaking with MPs. This training session will take place on the following date:

Wednesday 18th March - Venue TBC - 5-6 pm - places limited so to attend please reply to [stopaidsucl@gmail.com](mailto:stopaidsucl@gmail.com) ASAP!

For an introduction, have a look at the new animations we've created...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj0dbFgjoh4>

Everyone is welcome to the Day of Action but if you would like to speak with your MP then you need to get this sorted now! We've attached a template letter for you to use, fill in the blanks and use the link below to find out who your MP is and how to get in touch with them.

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/>

If your MP agrees to meet with you then let us know so we can pair you up with anyone who shares your MP.

If you have any questions please email [stopaidsucl@gmail.com](mailto:stopaidsucl@gmail.com)

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### 4. Manchester Medsin Global Health Conference 2009

Date: Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th March

Time: All weekend

Venue: Manchester University

There is a group of UCL students attending this conference so if you plan on attending please email [medsin.ucl@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ghc09.org)

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