

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the first Medsin UCL newsletter of this academic year! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to an awesome year ahead with Medsin. We will be bringing you a whole host of exciting events throughout the year to inspire and encourage you to get involved with Medsin and Global Health. To whet your appetite we are kicking off the year with our much-awaited Welcome Party on Tuesday 6th October. After an outstanding 2008-2009 for Medsin, let's make sure this one will be just as great!

If you have any questions, comments or thoughts for any of the Medsin Committee email us at medsin.ucl@gmail.com.

For more information on our latest events visit our website www.uclmedsin.org
Please also sign up to the Medsin National mailing list at www.newsletter.medsin.org

If you have any events or news you would like to submit to the next newsletter please email medsin.ucl@gmail.com by Friday 16th October.

See you all at the Welcome Party on Tuesday 6th October!

Your Medsin Committee 2009

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1. Welcome Party!

Date: Tuesday 6th October

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Old Refectory Wilkins South Cloisters

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A perfect opportunity for you to meet the diverse array of Campaigns and Projects UCL Medsin has on offer. From Healthy Planet to Malaria and Neglected Diseases (MNDC), Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) to Stop AIDS, and S.K.I.P to Save our NHS, there will definitely be one that sparks your interest. Furthermore, we will also have a stall for the celebrated UCL Medsin Global Health Magazine, Perspectives, and one for Global Health Education to introduce to you the Global Health courses available at UCL. And if you even need any more reasons to come along on Tuesday 6th October, free food and drink will be available!

2. Games Night!

Date: TBC at Welcome Party
Time: TBC at Welcome Party
Venue: TBC at Welcome Party

A chance to get know your Medsin Committee 2009 and your fellow Medsin members through an "Around-the-World" fun and games night! As Medsin always treats its members kindly, food and drink will be provided and there will be a much coveted prize for our winning team! The event will be £1 to attend.

3. UAEM 1st Meeting

Date: Thursday 15th October
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Meet outside the Union Bar on Gordon Street

UAEM believes that universities have a responsibility to improve access to public health devices for poorer nations. Institutions such as UCL play a profound role in researching and developing key medicines and public health devices that could be used to improve the health and quality of life of people living in poorer nations. Accessibility to these devices, however, is limited by the licensing and patenting laws of our universities. To learn more and meet the coordinators, UAEM will be meeting outside the Union Bar on Gordon Street at 6.00pm on Thursday 15th October for its 1st Meeting.

4. Film & Wine (as well as other beverages) Night

Date: Tuesday 20th October
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Pearson Lecture Theatre
(<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=117&d=121&w=False>)

"Climate change is potentially the most significant global health threat of the 21st Century" "The Age of Stupid", the new movie from Director Fanny Armstrong (McLibel) and producer John Battsek (One Day In September) and starring Pete Postlethwaite, depicts a man living alone in the ravaged and ruined world of 2055, watching old footage from the year 2008 and asking: "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" The movie was filmed in 7 countries over 3 years, and includes documentary stories, archive footage as well as animation. Will the film scare you into action or scare you to death? What it certainly will be is captivating, so make sure you're there!

5. MNDC World Swim Against Malaria

Date: Saturday 24th October
Venue: 52 Club, Gower Street

Come swim with us to stop Malaria causing 2.7 million PREVENTABLE deaths a year! The number of children who die from malaria would fill 7 jumbo jets every day. And the worst thing is...this is all completely preventable!

We will be doing a sponsored swim to raise money to buy and distribute mosquito nets worldwide. You can swim individually, as a team relay, reach a set target, or just as long as you fancy it. You can even do it in fancy dress!
For more info, contact

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1. Global Health Education Conference

Date: Saturday 10th October
Venue: King's College London

Are you interested in Global Health Education?

Why not come along to the first Global Health Conference, entitled 'Where are we now, and where do we go from here?'

The conference is intended to provide an opportunity to share best practice on existing undergraduate global health teaching, develop national plans for global health education in UK medical schools, and create a strong network of staff and students with interest and expertise in this area. The format of the conference will include short lectures, discussions and break out groups. The conference is free to attend and lunch will be provided, but due to a strict limit on the number of places we do require delegates to register in advance, which you can do at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zSW1XjwJzYCoI669GefK1w_3d_3d. If you have any questions or would like more information please email ghep@medsin.org

Oliver Johnson and Vanessa Jessop (National Coordinators Global Health Education Project)

2. Vulnerability in Health

Date: Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th October
Venue: Nottingham Medical School, QMC

WHAT? A National Global Health Conference dealing with issues related to the Elderly, Asylum seekers, Mental health, and Physical disability.

WHO? Hosted by Medsin-Nottingham, the conference will be presented by well renowned speakers from around the UK and is set to attract over 400 students from across the country

WHY? Learn about pressing issues in global health and how you can get involved in projects and campaigns to take action against health inequalities both at home and abroad.

SOCIAL? Entertainment across the weekend with food, drink, music and performances all inclusive!

INTERESTED? More info at www.medsin09.org or email medsinnc09@gmail.com

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