

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to another Medsin Newsletter! We hope you had an ACE time at our Welcome Party! We still have much more to come in the following few weeks including our Games Night on Tuesday 13th October, a chance for you to get to know your Medsin committee 2009 and your fellow Medsin members! Come along!

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 Games Night on Tuesday 13th October!

Your Medsin Committee 2009

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1. Games Night

Date: Tuesday 13th October
Venue: Chadwick 218
Time: 7.30pm - 10.00pm

The second in our triad of freshers events is the GAMES NIGHT!
Come along for a night of fun questions, board games, socialising, relaxing, and most importantly FOOD! We'll have a variety of smaller games around the edges with a big "Around the world/silly questions quiz" in the middle!

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If nothing else it's a chance to get to know other Medsin members and the committee, and also a different way to relax at the end of a long day!

There will be free pizza and cakes and drinks so we hope to see you there!!!

2. Video Making and Photography Introductory Meeting

Date: Tuesday 13th October

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Print Room Café (we will be sitting inside), South Junction, Malet Place, London WC1E

See map - <http://www.uclunion.org/maps.php>

This is a brand new project for this academic year! It is important as videos and photos are a great campaigning tool for global health issues. We are looking for anyone with an interest in video making and/or photography to get involved with this group. No previous experience is necessary! The plan is to work together to produce photos and videos that can be shown in the Perspectives magazine, on our website and on the UCL website! We are also planning to enter the UCL Film Society 48 hour film competition in November, so there is lots going on! However, the primary objective is to have fun!! So if you are interested, or to find out more, please come along to our first meeting.

If you plan to attend please can you email Vishaal on vishv1987@gmail.com so we can get an idea of numbers. Please call Vishaal on 07727 039 560 if you are lost on the day!

We will be attending the amazing Medsin UCL Games Night after this meeting so get ready for a fun-filled Medsin evening this Tuesday!!

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
Time: 12.00 - 4.00pm
Venue: 52 Club, Gower Street

Come join us as we swim to fight malaria!

Malaria causes 2.7 million deaths per 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!

On SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER students from several of the London colleges will be coming together to raise money to combat malaria.

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!

You register, you get sponsorship, you swim: its all down to you. And we promise to translate 100% of your efforts towards purchasing bed nets.

Come join us, exercise, have fun and save lives!

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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.

If you have any questions or would like more information please email

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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