

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to another Medsin Newsletter!

Once again, please join UCL Medsin! We would love to increase participation amongst non-medical students so please join whatever course you are on! Membership is £4, and will enable you to attend our events for free, to get involved with all our projects and campaigns, and to get your hands on a copy of our Global Health Magazine, Perspectives! You can join either by visiting <http://www.uclunion.org/shop> or by going to the CSC 2nd floor in the Bloomsbury building (but online is far easier and quicker).

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 30th October.

Your Medsin Committee 2009

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1. 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!

2. Stop AIDS Super London Speaker Tour

Date: Wednesday 28th October

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital, St.Thomas Street, London SE1 9RT

(http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?source=ig&hl=en&rlz=1G1GGLQ_ENUK270&=&q=SE1%209RT&lr=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl)

Directions: Come out of London Bridge Tube St and take a right at the Starbucks. Cross the road at the traffic lights and then walk through the large car park you will see directly across the road. Once through the car park walk under the arches and down the steps until you get to a large courtyard. From here go to the building on the RHS right at the opposite end of the courtyard from where you are standing there will be steps leading into this building. On entering the building go through the glass doors and Harris Lecture Theatre is just on the LHS.

The Speaker Tour is a nationwide tour across Britain involving three speakers, two from Africa and one from the USA, who raise awareness about HIV/AIDS through speaking about their lives and experiences with and living with HIV. The tour highlights the impact of HIV/AIDS at the person level; giving faces and characters to those alarming statistics we hear from day to day. Don't miss this opportunity to see the human side of HIV/AIDS.

Email Roz, our Stop Aids Campaign Coordinator, at r.scourse@ucl.ac.uk if you want to come along!

3. Healthy Planet: Climate Change Workshop - Climate Change is the defining Global Health issue of the 21st century

Date: Wednesday 4th November

Time: 6.00 - 8.00pm

Venue: Malet Place Eng 1.03

(<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=105&d=107&w=False>)

Did you know that Climate Change is one of the biggest global health issues of the 21st century? Did you know that a Global Humanitarian Forum report, chaired by Kofi Annan, estimated that 300,000 die a year as a result of manmade climate change?

Did you know that this figure will rise to at least 500,000 by 2030 as a result of changing infectious disease patterns, intensification of droughts, floods and natural disasters, water and food scarcity, mass migration and population instability, among others?

But climate change has the potential to stimulate a global public health revolution. Some of the world's most dominant diseases - heart disease, cancer, and road traffic accidents - can all be minimised by reducing animal product consumption, reducing automated transport and shifting towards walking and cycling, and reducing industry and air pollution.

As health professionals we have a crucial role to play in firstly taking action on climate change, firstly by reducing our carbon footprint, and secondly in advocating for stronger mitigation action on climate change. Furthermore, the student body - future health professionals - have an equally key role to play. Climate change will be the legacy we inherit - it will be up to us to manage the health impacts, it will be our health most affected, and it falls to us to make our own voice heard.

Healthy Planet is a highly active and rapidly expanding Medsin Campaign. We take the stance that health professionals must take action against climate change. Our goal is to mobilise the health profession in the UK and internationally, and use our uniquely authoritative and respected voice to lobby government worldwide.

In this interactive workshop I [Mustafa] will run through the relationship between climate change and global health and along the way we will stop at interesting debates in international health. Then I'll describe what the health profession is doing in response, and together we will look to the future and discuss Healthy Planet's goals and objectives for 09/10.

NB - This workshop is suitable for everyone, students and graduates, medical students and non, and both beginners and veterans of the climate change movement. Questions in advance? Email healthyplanet@medsin.org

Mustafa is a medical student at UCL. He is National Vice-President of Medsin-UK, has been National Director of Healthy Planet for 14 months, is a board member of the Climate and Health Council, a senior health professional body of international leaders in climate change and health, was a co-author of this year's UCL-Lancet Commission on Managing the Health Effects of Climate Change, is a Programme Director for the British Council's International Climate Champions scheme, has just completed an Intercalated BSc in International Health and in January will be leading an SSC for second year medical students on Climate Change and Global Health.

4. Stop AIDS: World AIDS Day Mega Raid!

Date: Saturday 28th November

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Kings College London Student Union

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Join the World AIDS Day Mega Raid and make a real difference to the lives of people affected by HIV in the UK

This is your chance to join us in our fight against HIV by taking part in the sixth annual London Mega Raid to raise money for Terrence Higgins Trust, the UK's largest HIV and sexual health charity. Although the street collection generates valuable income it's also a crucial opportunity to challenge the public's indifference towards HIV and AIDS, so the more collectors we can rally the bigger the impact.

So, on Saturday 28 November we're looking for students from all over the country to come together to collect money in Central London for Terrence Higgins Trust and raise the profile of the HIV and AIDS epidemic here in the UK.

It promises to be a fun and highly rewarding day! Last year over 150 students from around the country took part and raised over £3,000 in a few action packed hours. This year we're hoping to increase this spectacular total and raise even more from the Mega Raid, the more people who can get involved the better.

Everyone who takes part will be well looked after with hot drinks, yummy snacks and an exciting goodie bag to take home, along with a well deserved warm glow inside from having supported such a worthwhile cause! There will also be prizes for the top collectors.

And for those who want to celebrate a job well done by painting the town red (red paint/red ribbons...see what I did there!) before heading home the next morning we will organise free accommodation for the night.

Once again King's College London will be hosting the event in their fabulous Student Union Building on The Strand. You will need to report at 10am on Saturday 28 November for registration and breakfast.

If you have any questions please email Roz, our Stop Aids Campaign Coordinator, at r.scourse@ucl.ac.uk

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1. UCL Student Human Rights Programme welcomes you to a film screening of 'My Whole Life in Prison', followed by a Q&A session with Will Francome (the film's narrator and protagonist) and Kim Manning Cooper (Anti death penalty team - Amnesty International)

Date: Tuesday 27th October

Time: 19.00pm

Venue: Chadwick Lecture Theatre

(<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=29&d=33&w=False>)

This film follows 25 year old William Francome's investigation into the arrest of Mumia Abu Jamal, famed death-row prisoner and award-winning Black Panther journalist. Francome, born on the day of Mumia's 1981 arrest, engages intellectuals, writers and musicians in an effort to expose the truth about justice in America for black activists in general and Mumia in particular. The energetic, poetic and deeply moving interviews of Alice Walker, Noam Chomsky, Mos Def, Snoop Dogg and Steve Earle raise questions about the repercussions and damage of racial injustice not only to those targeted, but to the American culture itself. And most pointedly the film asks, what does it signify that Americans are still determined to put to death potential leaders and powerful political voices of the African-American culture?

2. The Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene present a Spotlight on: Neglected tropical diseases (NTD)

Date: Saturday 28th November

Time: 9am - 4.45pm

Venue: The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

Price: £5 for RSM members, £15 for non-RSM members

This day meeting will:

- Outline key neglected tropical diseases and the clinical, social, political and environmental issues around them
- Educate delegates on NTDs and raise their profile and awareness
- Encourage further research and increase understanding of the public health and clinical implications of these conditions
- Work as a multidisciplinary faculty to try to come up with solutions to the problems around NTDs

All students will receive a year's free student fellowship to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene - usually £15. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.rsm.ac.uk/students/stj105.php> or e-mail students@rsm.ac.uk

3. Global Impact Corps: Global Health Volunteer Abroad Opportunities

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<http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

Unite For Sight has been featured weekly on CNN International and in The New York Times. Unite For Sight is the world's leader in socially responsible, effective volunteering abroad. Unite For Sight's Global Impact Corps is an immersive global health experience for students and for professionals.

All volunteers participating in Unite For Sight's international programs are Global Impact Fellows. They participate daily with local ophthalmic nurses, local optometrists, and local ophthalmologists to eliminate patient barriers to care and to facilitate comprehensive year-round eye care for patients living in extreme poverty. Through hands-on, structured training, volunteers gain a comprehensive understanding about best practices in volunteerism, global health, and international development. Global Impact Fellows gain skills and are nurtured to become new leaders in global health, and they receive a Certificate in Global Health & Program Delivery. Additionally, Global Impact Fellows may participate in the Global Impact Lab, an optional program for volunteers interested in pursuing global health research.

Locations (volunteer for 10 days, 20 days, 4 weeks, 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 10 weeks, or more)

- * Accra and Kumasi Region, Ghana
- * Rural Villages, Ghana
- * Tamale, Ghana
- * Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- * Bihar, India
- * Chennai, India
- * New Delhi, India
- * Orissa, India

Complete Details: <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

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