



Latest news from THET

UK Health Links Conference 2011- Registration now open!

This year's UK Health Links Conference will take place on 5th September at Imperial College, London. This year's annual Health Links Conference will explore whether Links are reaching the poorest. There will be the opportunity to gather the experiences of Link partners and view Links' journeys through THET's first Link poster competition, prizes for which will be awarded by Jan Sobieraj, Director General of NHS Workforce. **Draft agenda** now available for download

To register, please **click here**.

Introducing the Health Partnership Scheme

In July 2011, THET announced it had been awarded the contract for the Health Partnership Scheme (HPS), a major new programme to help develop the skills of health workers in some of the world's poorest countries. Funded by the UK government's Department for International Development, the Scheme will harness the expertise of UK health professionals to improve health outcomes by transferring skills and supporting skills development in low income countries, as well as through promoting UK involvement in volunteering. For more information on HPS please **click here**

The THET Community of Practice

Earlier this year, a decision was made to engage healthcare workers and other professionals involved with THET in a discussion group - the *THET Community of Practice*.

The Community of Practice – what is it for?

- The THET Community of Practice is for you. You should use it to communicate with other partnerships or individuals, ask questions, seek advice, offer opinions, announce events and make friends.
- You should not hesitate to share your experiences and knowledge - even if they relate to things which have gone wrong! One of our main objectives is to learn from one another.
- The THET Community of Practice is open to anyone who has an interest in improving healthcare in developing countries through Health Partnerships (Links).
- We currently have over 200 members in the group including doctors, nurses, students, midwives and many others.....and they come from many parts of the world (including Rwanda, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, the UK and elsewhere).
- THET has several Honorary Advisors who will be members of the group and provide advice to Links, when asked to do so. They include Tom Lissauer (paediatrics), Bob Lane (surgery), Jean Bailey and Pamela Walter (nursing) and John MacDermot (medicine).

How to join the group

- An email should be sent to Sophie Reshamwalla [sophie@thet.org] with a request for the new name to be added to the group.
- Please forward this information to any friends or colleagues in the UK or overseas, whom you think might like to join

Resources for Links

HEAT (Health Education and Training)

HEAT is an ambitious and innovative programme created by The Open University to help equip governments with a shared standard for healthcare training and to reach hundreds of thousands of frontline health workers in sub-Saharan Africa by 2016, providing them with the knowledge to save millions of lives. HEAT began in Ethiopia. We are now working in collaboration with Governments, AMREF, WHO, UNICEF and others to extend HEAT's reach across sub-Saharan Africa. The learning resources were developed by African health experts, with OU support, and are freely available to adapt for use in different contexts; HEAT is scaleable and sustainable, and we believe it can help significantly address Africa's human resources for health crisis. www.open.ac.uk/africa/heat

Health technology management resources

The WHO Medical device technical series consists of reference documents to assist countries in ensuring improved access, quality and use of medical devices.

http://www.who.int/medical_devices/management_use/en/

Link Articles

For a recent article exploring the role of health partnerships in post-conflict states which features the Somaliland programme, please click [here](#).

Dr Peter Hughes is a consultant psychiatrist based at Springfield University Hospital, London. He has recently flown to Somaliland to work on a mental health programme as part of the KINGS-THET partnership. Read his Somaliland blog [here](#)

MOTORBIKE ambulances donated by two Wales for Africa health links are saving lives in Ethiopia and Uganda. Read article [here](#)

Read about a Hippo Water Rollers Project in South Sudan [here](#)

Jobs

THET is currently recruiting for a **Charity Administrator** and a **Health Partnerships Programme Assistant**. To apply and for more information please visit www.thet.org/jobs.

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