



Latest news from THET

Eldryd Parry, Founder and Trustee of THET, has been knighted in the New Years Honours List

We are sure that those of you who have worked closely over the years with THET's founder, Eldryd Parry, will be delighted to hear that he has been given one of the two knighthoods awarded this year in the Order of St Michael and St George. He was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in the 2011 New Year's Honours List for services to healthcare development in Africa. Eldryd said " Our family is very happy and would like this to be seen in the context of work which has been done with very gifted and wonderfully committed colleagues in THET and in the NHS and medical schools in the UK." We hope you will join us in congratulating Sir Eldryd.

New funding available from THET for Health Links

THET has developed a new grant scheme to support Links to improve global health outcomes for people living in poverty through more coordinated link activities. Four grants of £20,000 are available to long-term health partnerships, or 'Health Links', between UK health institutions and their counterparts in developing countries. Interested parties are invited to submit an expression of interest form by **5.00pm on 18th of February 2011**. To find out more and to apply, please visit the [THET website](#).

2011 UK Health Links Conference

The 2011 UK Health Links Conference will be taking place on Monday 5th September at Imperial College, London. Please save the date and it would be great if you could plan any Links trips around it. More details to follow.

THET Communities of Practice

THET is starting a number of email-based communities of practice for people involved in Health Links, facilitated by THET's honorary advisors. The groups will focus on specific areas of health and healthcare. These are Maternal and Child Health, Mental Health, Surgery, Medical Education (Undergraduate & Postgraduate), Nursing education (Undergraduate & Postgraduate), and Public Health and Primary Care.

The majority of discussions will take place by email, but we will also offer occasional meetings for members to get to know each other personally and have more in-depth discussions. As part of the International Health Links Funding Scheme we will also be holding some overseas learning workshops in the coming two years. To join one of the groups, please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FG5TV7Z> and your name will be added to the list.

Latest news for Health Links

Charity travel fares available for Links

Diversity Travel are offering charity fares and services to THET registered Health Links. They have kindly offered to set up a THET Link Travellers account for Links volunteers. An information sheet is available [here](#) and on our website.

DFID Global Community Links Programme

The 4th round of bids from grant applications for the DFID Global Community Links programme has now opened. The programme aims to help Links increase the involvement of UK community members in international development and to increase their understanding of global development issues. The Global Community Links Action Grants are between £2,000 and £10,000 and the application deadline for this round is 14 February 2011. For more information please visit www.dfid.gov.uk/communitylinks.

Events

Engaging in global health: Controversies and solutions - Monday 14th March 2011

Organised by the Royal Society of Medicine and THET

Venue: Royal Society of Medicine

This one day conference will provide an overview of some of the current debates on global health. It will critically examine the effectiveness of healthcare interventions and provide an understanding of the current evidence base for different global health policies.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend a selection of workshops to learn about what works, directly from those involved in the frontline of global health.

Workshops include:

- Maternal and child health issues
- Planning and prioritising in emergency humanitarian work
- Engaging students and young doctors
- Infectious diseases

To find out more and to register, please visit the [RSM website](#).

"Connecting Communities" All Party Parliamentary Group

You are invited to attend, and encouraged to invite your MP to attend, the "Connecting Communities" all-party parliamentary group (APPG) meeting. It is being held in Committee Room 5 in the House of Commons at 1.00pm on Tuesday 1st February. These APPG meetings provide an opportunity for organisations to impress on politicians some of the good things that are happening in our society and encourage greater Government support.

Andrew Lansley the Secretary of State for Health has been invited and it will be an opportunity to impress on him and other MPs who will be attending, the importance of Health Care Partnerships between health institutions in UK and in the developing world, both in terms of bringing better health care to developing countries but also the benefits that accrue to the NHS in terms inter alia of the professional development of those involved in the link and the benefits that can be gained by seeing health care in a completely different context.

If you would like to write to your MP requesting his/her presence at this meeting, there is a sample letter available [here](#). Please send it to your MP at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA.

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