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UK Health Links Conference 2010

Shaping the Future: Growth, Impact and Innovation.

9.30-16.30 4th November 2010, East Midland Conference Centre, Nottingham.

A platform for learning from the experiences of practitioners, the UK Health Links Conference 2010 will explore good practice in Health Link partnership development, examine the innovative ways in which Links are addressing the challenges in global health and look at the benefits of linking to UK health professionals. Download the [registration form](#) to reserve your place now.

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Consultation for the Health Partnerships Scheme

THET was invited to attend a consultation workshop on the [Health Partnerships Scheme](#) that was announced by DFID earlier in the year, and which is expected to be complementary to the [International Health Links Funding Scheme](#) and the [International Health Links Centre](#). We saw this as an opportunity to feedback many of the opportunities and challenges that links practitioners have shared with us, as well as stress the need to rationalise the different initiatives that exist. Attached is the [presentation used by DFID](#) to open the day, as well as some [meeting notes](#) from the morning session (the afternoon session was closed door – with only civil servants present). Please feel free to share any further thoughts with us.

Putting Health Workers at the Heart of the MDGs

THET has signed a joint agency call to the Coalition Government recommending they put health workers at the forefront of the UK's development efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals. Read the call [here](#).

THET – Events and activities



Mooove and groove to live African music led by the five-piece band Kasai Masi. Join fellow afro-beat lovers for a night of traditional sounds from Africa with an urban twist!

Saturday 11th September 2010 at The Africa Centre, Covent Garden, London. Have you got your tickets? To book, or for details, please visit www.thet.org or call Dilys on 020 7290 3889/07956 532 067.

Latest news for Health Links.

'Connecting Communities' All-Party Parliamentary Group

THET is a member of **BUILD** who will be taking part in a meeting with Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for International Development (amongst other Ministers) to discuss the crucial importance of community-based partnerships between communities here and communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. If you would like to send a letter to your MP asking them to take part in the APPG, there is a template letter [here](#).

Britain's response to Global Tuberculosis: Call for written evidence

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis (APPG TB) is a cross party group of UK parliamentarians who have a shared interest in eradicating tuberculosis both in the UK and in the developing world. The group works to raise the profile of issues surrounding TB and to accelerate efforts to eradicate this disease. The APPG is producing a report in the coming months looking at the challenges to tackling global tuberculosis and the way the UK Government is responding to this challenge. This call for written evidence is being sent to experts and advocacy groups to feed into the inquiry process. This initial evidence will be fed into the report and will also inform subsequent face to face evidence sessions. The final report will then be submitted to DFID and will influence much of the APPG's work next year and beyond. The APPG would be delighted for your input into the inquiry and ask you to consider and respond to the written [call for evidence questions](#).

International Organisation for Migration

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is currently running two programmes offering members of diaspora communities based in the EU the opportunity to contribute to the reconstruction and development of their countries of origin. Current target countries are Ghana, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan and Georgia.

The project is demand driven and the focus is on capacity building of local

organisations and institutions in identified sectors including the health sector. Qualified individuals can share their skills and experience during temporary, supported placements from between two weeks and three months. In some cases, professionals from target countries have the opportunity to undertake training placements in EU countries. The IoM is keen to hear from Links with diaspora engagement, who may benefit from participation in this programme. For more details and how to contact the IOM please see more information on the [Ghana programme](#) and the [multi-country programme](#).

Health Links – Events and activities

Maternal and Child Health Workshop: Promoting MCH links between Northern England and Africa

Saturday November 6, 2010 10am – 4pm, Wythenshawe Hospital

For more details, download the [flyer](#).

Emotional support for young survivors of conflict, natural disaster or trauma

Does your organisation care for children and young people suffering from post-traumatic stress? If so, Luna may be able to help you. Luna is a UK registered charity which provides children's accelerated trauma therapy (CATT) training in partnership with organisations working in countries where there is evident need, but which lack the required resources. We send out qualified therapist/trainers to teach local staff the skills they need to help children overcome their trauma and rebuild their lives. We are currently working in Rwanda, but now taking applications from potential new Training Partners globally. If you are interested, please visit our website

www.lunachildren.org.uk or contact Carly Raby carly@lunachildren.org.uk

Resources for Links

Funding for trauma and surgery research

The AO Research Fund (AORF), funded by the AO Foundation, has the mission of supporting basic scientific, pre-clinical and clinical research in all areas of trauma, surgery of the musculoskeletal system and related problems. It provides predominantly seed money to individual researchers and research groups, finances pilot studies and supports investigation of new and unconventional ideas or hypotheses.

THET staff recommend the following publications:

The Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index - new way of measuring poverty

Field Epidemiology Training Programmes in Africa - Where are the Graduates?

WHO Packages of Interventions for Family Planning, Safe Abortion care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

The Community Tool Box

In an effort to share best practices and build community health, CORE Group brings your attention to **The Community Tool Box**, a global resource for free information on essential skills for building healthy communities. It offers more than 7,000 pages of practical guidance in creating change and improvement.

Promoting community health and development by connecting people, ideas and resources

Vacancies

Zambia Midwifery Tutor

THET is looking to recruit 2 volunteer Nursing and Midwifery Tutors who will be seconded to the Ministry of Health in Zambia. The successful applicants will be posted to a rural provincial Nursing and Midwifery school. He/she will be expected to teach as a member of a team within the framework of an established course whilst providing ongoing support to raise training standards in the rural provincial training institutions. For more information visit www.thet.org/jobs.

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