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Welcome to THET's E-Bulletin

This monthly e-bulletin is full of the latest news and information on THET activities and Health Links. Feel free to forward this e-bulletin to anyone who might be interested.

Latest news from THET

THET and British Council Launch 'Round Two' of the UK International Health Links Funding Scheme

A call for applications for the second round of a UK government funded initiative to support health systems in developing countries. The response to the initial call for applications, in September 2009, was overwhelming and the IHFLS received an enthusiastic 170 applications. To date the IHLFS has awarded more than 30 grants to health institutions across the UK, working with partners in more than ten of the world's poorest countries across Africa and Asia. For more information, please visit www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks. The deadline for the second round of Start-up and Project grants is 5:00pm on Monday, 31 May 2010. Grants will be awarded from the beginning of August 2010.

'Creating the strongest links': The UK centre to support health links with developing countries becomes fully operational this month.

There is an article in the current edition of the BMJ written by Sophie Cook called 'Creating the strongest links', which is all about Health Links, THET, the IHLC and the IHLFS and which you may be interested to read. Download your [copy here](#).

THET events & activities

Exclusive Baillie Duo LIVE CD - available now for purchase

Alexander Baillie, renowned cellist, and son, Max Baillie performed a live concert last July in honour of THET. THET was thrilled to have these two talented artists perform at the St Mary's-at-Hill Church in London on 3 July, 2009. This magnificent concert has been captured on CD and is now available for your enjoyment. The Baillies have kindly donated the rights of the CD to THET, and all proceeds will go towards our vital work to improve global healthcare for some of the poorest communities in the world. To purchase this CD, please contact our fundraising team on 020 7290 3889 or info@thet.org.

Join Team THET for the British 10k London Run!

Join Team THET for the 10th anniversary of the ASICS British 10K London Run on Sunday, 11th July 2010. Places are FREE and are available now! You can even make it a group challenge by getting your friends, family and work colleagues to join you in the run. For more information contact us on 020 7290 3889 or visit our **Team THET 10k page here**.

Join Team THET for the Three Peaks Challenge 2010!

This is the challenge of a lifetime and will require participants to climb the 3 highest peaks in 24 hours in the home nations: Scotland, England and Wales. Put yourself to the test and join the Team THET 3 Peaks Challenge 2010. You will spend a brilliant weekend with like-minded adventurous individuals in this exhilarating and tough adventure. If you would like to join team THET and support healthcare, we need you! For more information and how to register, please contact us on 020 7290 3889 or visit our **Three Peaks Challenge page**. This event is hosted through www.maximumadventure.com.

Latest news for Links

Partners Forum for the UK Government's 'Global Health Strategy'

As part of the UK Government's 'Health is Global' strategy action plan, the first partners forum was held on 25 March at Chatham House in London. Bringing together a diverse group of international and national stakeholders, as well as representatives from government departments, the forum was designed to share information and coordinate action as well as provide input to the impact assessment of the Health is Global strategy. It coincided with the launch of NHS Global and the new NHS Framework for International Development, thus encouraging lively debate on priority areas for UK funding, health security linkages to foreign policy and conflict engagement, global health research focus and the contribution of UK health systems to global health. The impact of Health Links was discussed in the latter session, with many positive contributions from individuals, NGOs and Departments of Health and International Development representatives. Download a copy of the **strategy here**.

Keeping the Promise: A forward-looking review to promote an agreed action agenda to achieve the MDGs by 2015

This draft report presents progress made with regard to the Millennium Development Goals, through a comprehensive review of successes, best practices and lessons learnt, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, leading to concrete strategies for action. Download a copy of the **draft report here**.

Funding opportunity: Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Development - Sierra Leone

Projects in the fields of Health and Water & Sanitation that bring support to development actions, to be implemented by Non-State-Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA), in close cooperation with the local communities and the most vulnerable population groups of Sierra Leone. Deadlines for submission is 28th May 2010. For more information, please **click here**.

Framework for NHS Involvement in International Development

The Framework for NHS Involvement in International Development was launched successfully on 25th March 2010. You can find the details on the Department of Health website (www.dh.gov.uk) and the Framework itself on the website of the International Health Links Centre (www.ihlc.org.uk). Alongside the launch Sir David Nicholson, NHS Chief Executive, sent a letter to all NHS Chief Executives which can be **found here**. Many thanks to all those who provided suggestions and input in getting to this important stage.

Health Link events & activities

eHealth: Revolutionising Healthcare - 12th May 2010, The Barbican, London

Do you work within the NHS or Healthcare sector in the UK? Are you interested in the future of eHealth? PSCA International have organised a conference looking at eHealth in the UK and how it can revolutionise healthcare and transform the Patient-Doctor relationship through eHealth implementation. The conference will be Chaired by Dr David Chilvers, Chief Executive of NHS Innovations London and will include speeches by, Joanne Shaw, Chair of NHS Direct and Professor Azeem Majeed, Professor of Primary Care and Head of the Department of Primary Care & Public Health at Imperial College London. For more information, please **click here**.

Ethnicity and Use of the Mental Health Act - 24th May 2010, London

This conference will be relevant to anyone in the field of mental health and social care. This one day event will focus on questions such as: Is racism the main issue behind the fact that some BME groups are over represented in terms of admission and detention rates and also the increased use of certain diagnostic categories such as schizophrenia? Should we be focusing on understanding and learning why certain BME groups are not over represented? Have the changes to the Mental Health Act been detrimental or helpful? For more information, please visit:

www.bme-mentalhealth.org.uk/

Wales for Africa Health Links Conference 2010: "Changing Lives for Good" - Wednesday, June 23rd 2010

The conference takes place at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. Thanks to sponsorship from the Welsh Assembly Government's Wales for Africa Programme, the conference is free. Registration will open from May. Forms will be on our website to download from April at **www.walesforafricahealthlinks@wales.nhs.uk**

Vacancies

BUILD member, Amir Bhatia is looking for a volunteer teacher, nurse and doctor to work in the Sundarban in West Bengal (Bhatia's vacancy descriptions below). Please respond to Lord Bhatia (**abhatia@casley.co.uk**) if you are in a position to help. *Please note, this is not a THET vacancy

- **Teacher** – We need a qualified teacher for one year who could work in very rural and deprived community in Sundarban in West Bengal. The organisation is called Sundarban Social Development Centre (SSDC) who work with a very poor and a marginalised community. A teacher is required to teach English to the children at Primary and Secondary levels. Full boarding and lodging is available in very well furnished rooms. They are unable to pay any salary or pocket expenses. EMF may consider funding the travel to West Bengal and back.
- **Nurse** – A fully qualified nurse is required to help a small Health Centre at the above Centre which caters for women's health issues as well as helping the rural women during their pregnancy and delivery. They have a fully equipped operating theatre and are routinely carrying out Caesarian sections. The same facilities and package apply as for the teacher mentioned above.
- **Doctor** – A fully qualified doctor preferably a woman who could help in the Health Centre described above. I would like to emphasize that the organisation is very well regarded and we have researched their credentials.. They have developed the whole office and complex which delivers a whole range of services of education, health with the emphasis on women's needs. They are well supported by a number of NGOs from Australia, Netherlands and America.

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