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## Welcome to THET's E-Bulletin

### A date for your diaries THET 2010 Links Conference

**Please note that this year's THET Links Conference will take place on Thursday 4th November 2010. Details will follow over the next few months, but please make sure you keep this date free!**

### Latest news from THET

#### **THET welcomes DFID's announcement of a new Health Systems Partnership Fund**

THET welcomes DFID's announcement of a new £5 million Health Systems Partnership Fund which will enable more British health professionals to share their skills with midwives, nurses and doctors in developing countries through teaching, training and practical assistance. For the full THET press release, click [here](#).

#### **IHLFS**

The application deadline for the second round of the International Health Links Funding Scheme ended on the 31st of May. As in the first round the response from Links was tremendous and 73 applications have been received. If you missed the deadline for this round please note that the IHFLS will be offering another round of project grants next year. Details will be published on the THET website in January 2011. Applications for start-up grants are reviewed on a rolling basis and health institutions who are interested are invited to apply at any stage. The IHFLS has to date awarded over 30 grants, 8 of which are start-up grants. The names of the all the grant recipients will be released shortly on the THET website.

Anna and Rhonwyn are currently working with grantees from the first round to support them in project planning, project management and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) planning.

#### **Volunteers arrive in Zambia**

In early May, the first two volunteers arrived in Zambia as part of the DFID-funded project, 'Strengthening Training and Education of Health Workers in Zambia'. Martha Muli is currently a Nurse Tutor, and is based at the Solwezi School of Nursing. Dr Gilbert Blackwood has been appointed a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Zambia, and is helping with the delivery of the MMed in Psychiatry.

THET's dedicated fundraising intern, Suko Fricke, is leaving us. I hope you will join us in wishing her the best for the future.

### **Health, Links and Fragile States: The Role of the Health Sector in Wider States-Building**

Nigel Pearson's article on Health and Fragile States for Save the Children uses THET's support of Links with Somaliland health institutions as a case study. THET works in Somaliland to build capacity and knowledge in the health system. To find out more and how THET's work fits in to other efforts to improve health in fragile states, please click **here**.

### **THET – Events and Activities**

#### **THET Ethiopia Links Meeting**

On Saturday 22nd May THET held their latest meeting for Ethiopia Links. Approximately half of THET's Ethiopia Links attended, including visitors from Gondar and Hwassa, along with THET staff, Trustees and the Director of Partnerships in Health Information (Phi). As well as providing an opportunity for catching up with colleagues and sharing successes and learning experiences, discussions centred on potential directions for the future of programme development within Ethiopia, particularly with regard to formal medical education and the expansion of Links into new disciplines.

#### **Join Team THET for the British 10k London Run!**

There are a couple of places left to run the 10k on Sunday 11th July for Team THET. Places are free but filling up fast. If you want to run, forms need to be in by Friday 18th June. For more information, contact us on 020 7290 3889 or visit our Team THET 10k page **here**.

### **Latest news for Health Links**

#### **THET has teamed up with BVLAGE to cover public sector pension contributions for Links volunteers**

If your Links' UK volunteers have public sector pensions and are volunteering abroad for more than 6 months between April 2008 and March 2011, the employers' pension contributions may be covered. For more information please click **here** or if you think you are eligible, contact Rachel Schofield +44 (0) 207 290 3892 **rach@thet.org**.

#### **Common pitfalls for Links – beware!**

A paper on 'The Asymmetries of University Partnerships between Africa and the Developed World: Our Experience in Botswana' by Prof John D. Holm and Dr. Leapetsewe Maletse was recently presented at the British Council Going Global conference in London. This highlights a number of assumptions that can often underlie outreach by European and North American institutions to Africa, and that risk limiting their impacts. The paper is available **here**.

### **Health Links – Events and Activities**

#### **Southern Ethiopia – Gwent Healthcare Link is 10 years old!**

The Southern Ethiopia – Gwent Healthcare Link recently celebrated its tenth birthday at the Nevill Hall Education Centre, Abergavenny. As well as refreshments, there were a number of presentations by UK and Ethiopian partners, including a speech by THET Founder and Trustee, Eldryd Parry OBE.

#### **Tree of Life Conference and Fundraiser**

The PRAXIS Centre, Pott Street, London E2 OEF. 23rd June, followed by a Ugandan music fundraiser on Thursday 24th June. This conference will highlight the dynamic Tree of Life Narrative approach, which acts upon and honours the voices of communities, teams and individuals. David Denborough from the Dulwich Centre in Australia will highlight local and international examples of this creative, empowering and inspiring way of working across cultures. For tickets contact Tigist Teferi email: [Tigist.Teferi@eastlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:Tigist.Teferi@eastlondon.nhs.uk) or call 020 7655 4170

All proceeds will go to the Butabika Link.

### **Kambia Appeal Film**

A member of the Kambia Appeal, which links Cheltenham Trusts with Kambia District in northern Sierra Leone recently made this film. The film gives the context of life in Kambia Town, from the perspective of Moses (the Link Coordinator) and his extended family. Watch the film [here](#).

### **Gondar Hospital Project**

April 2010 marked the end of the Gondar-Leicester Link's project to renovate the maternity ward at Gondar University Hospital in northern Ethiopia. Project activities included providing equipment, upgrading resources and infrastructure and training. As well as improving the health outcomes for mothers and babies, these improvements are expected to bolster staff morale and increase staff retention. Mothers are also benefitting from a more pleasant experience during their hospital stay, as they have privacy when giving birth due to the partitioning, and have greater dignity from being able to keep themselves clean. This project was part of a wider programme of work conducted by the Link. For further details click [here](#).

### **Resources for Links**

#### **Recycling Medical Equipment**

Aid to Hospitals Worldwide (A2HW) is a Suffolk-based charity which helps people locally, nationally and internationally by recycling medical equipment. They have formed partnerships with over 50 NHS hospitals to redirect redundant but reusable medical equipment to needy hospitals in the developing world. If your Link would like to benefit from this, see [www.a2hw.org.uk](http://www.a2hw.org.uk) for details or contact A2HW at [info@a2hw.org.uk](mailto:info@a2hw.org.uk).

#### **Wikifund**

If you are looking for fundraising information Wikifund will be your answer! The IFC at the final stage of bringing experts on board to write many of the key areas, and have covered all but half a dozen out of the initial thirty categories. IFC will be launching Wikifund to the public in a few weeks and if you would like to help prepare the site by developing, adding or amending material that would be excellent. External links can be added at the foot of the page and internal Wikifund links within the page text. We can give you login details or like Wikipedia you can just edit text etc directly [www.wikifund.info](http://www.wikifund.info)

#### **First Fridays**

Don't forget anyone can come to the IFC FREE First Friday fundraising advice clinics every first Friday of the month at The Hub Kings Cross, 34B York Way, London and / or take part in the IFC Facebook page at 'First Friday Fundraisers.' First Fridays is so successful, there are meetings in Italy, Ukraine, Spain and France.

**THET staff have found the following reports and articles interesting and informative:**

**State of the World's Mothers Report 2010**, Save the Children  
**World Health Organisation Monthly Bulletin**  
**Getting the Millennium Development Goals back on track: a twelve points EU action plan**  
**Health Systems in Action: An eHandbook for Leaders and Managers**

## Vacancies

### Finance and Administration Director

THET is recruiting for Finance and Administration Director. This full-time post covers a wide range of functions including finance, accounting, administration, governance, IT, fundraising and HR. For a full Job Description and Person Specification and details on how to apply, please visit [www.thet.org/jobs](http://www.thet.org/jobs). Deadline for applications is Wednesday 30th June.

### THET Trustees and Honorary Treasurer

We have vacancies on our Board of Trustees. We are currently looking for two Trustees and one Honorary Treasurer to sit on the Board. For more details and how to apply please [www.thet.org/jobs](http://www.thet.org/jobs).

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