Partnerships in Global Health — mutual benefit

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Welcome

Welcome to our conference on ‘Partnerships in Global Health – mutual benefit’. Throughout the conference we will hear from individuals who are, and have done, really interesting work in this field and have a passion for continuing to contribute to and learn from their involvement in working with partners overseas.

We are focusing this conference on ways of recognising the mutual benefits of working in partnership with an overseas organisation – benefits to those from the UK and benefits to those in the overseas partner organisation. We will also hear of some future developments in the UK.

We hope that you will leave the conference informed, inspired and excited about how you can continue to be involved in this work, with new ideas for developing plans and strategies for the future; as well as ideas for improving the partnerships you work with and how you can measure the benefits of involvement in this work.

We hope you have a great day!

Fleur Kitsell, PhD MSc MCSP
Health Dean - Health Education Wessex
IGH Programme Lead - Thames Valley and Wessex Leadership Academy
08.45am  Registration and refreshments
9.15am  Welcome and introductions
9.30am  Ben Simms - Chief Executive Officer, Tropical Health and Education Trust
9.50am  Ged Bryne - Director of Education and Quality, Health Education England, North
10.10am 4 x three minute presentations by UK Volunteers
        Clare Logan, Leah Owen, Susannah Cochrane, Mark Gradwell
10.40am Refreshment break
11.00am Workshops 1
11.55am Workshops 2
12.40pm Lunch break
1.30pm 4 x three minute presentations by UK Volunteers
        Alice Beech, Joe Bourdillon-Schicker, Helen Casey, Hannah Spiers
2.00pm The following panel of experts will share their experiences and thoughts on partnership working overseas followed by a Q&A:
        o Stephan Bognar - Senior Development Advisor to development agencies, governments and institutions
        o Marian Jacobs - Chair of the Academy of Leadership and Management in Healthcare, South Africa
        o Nigel Crisp – Co-Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health; independent member of House of Lords
3.15pm Refreshments and judging of submitted posters
3.45pm Peter Lees – CEO & Medical Director, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management ‘Leading for the future, not the past’
4.15pm Final remarks and prize-giving for posters
4.30pm Conference close
Workshop 1: Fostering effective partnerships to maximise in-country value
Hosted by: Loeur Choup and Siscoheata Choeng, MJP Foundation, Asia

Experiences of how Loeur and Socheata engaged with key individuals within the local rural community to shape the health system – strengthening project work. For example, how they have developed effective relationships with the Provincial Health Department, Operational District and with local authorities (District Governor, Commune Chiefs and Villager Leaders). They will then lead a discussion enabling attendees to share their experiences, ask questions etc. so that the group can share experiences and learn from one another.

Workshop 2: Using international partnerships to develop leadership skills in local healthcare workers
Hosted by: Andy Parrish, Eastern Cape Government Department of Health, South Africa and Mike Vonk, Western Cape Government Department of Health, South Africa

International healthcare aid involving leadership skills transfer may be unsustainable, incompletely adapted to local circumstances, and offer only limited opportunities for bilateral learning. This workshop is based on insights from recent South African projects. The objectives are to explore the differences between local project completion and actual skills transfer, to consider the gap between skills transfer and ongoing skills utilisation, and to review what constitutes true leadership value in resource constrained environments.

Workshop 3: Creating and maintaining a successful partnership with an overseas professional association
Hosted by Joy Kemp, Royal College of Midwives

Joy will share her experiences of working with the Professional Midwife Associations in Uganda, Cambodia and Nepal; helping to embed the twinning concept between these associations and the Royal College of Midwives in the UK. The workshop will be interactive, and encourage attendees to share their own experiences and ideas/plans for similar work and experiences.

Workshop 4: Managing competing demands within health partnerships
Hosted by: Peter Nash, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

This workshop will explore the issues associated with working with diverse stakeholders of a health programme – UK clinicians, overseas clinicians, programme partners, funders, professional associations etc. – to encourage impactful work to occur and harmonious relationships to flourish.

Workshop 5: Principles of partnership – supporting health partnerships to improve quality
Hosted by: Graeme Chisholm, Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)

THET has developed Principles of Partnership to support health partnerships between UK institutions and counterparts in low and middle income countries to improve the quality and effectiveness of what they do. This workshop will explain how the principles were developed, will give you the opportunity to study real examples of how partnerships have addressed the many challenges and reflect on what this means to your work.

Workshop 6: Preparing mentors to effectively support health care professionals volunteering overseas
Hosted by: Alison Jennings, Thames Valley & Wessex Leadership Academy and Andrew Boyd, IGH Alumni Fellow

The IGH programme volunteers have derived great value from being paired with one of the team of UK based voluntary mentors. In this workshop Alison and Andrew will be exploring the added value of a mentorship approach for overseas volunteers, how to set up a mentorship programme and how to help develop your mentor team to best support their mentees.
Ben Byrne
Director of Education and Quality – Health Education England (North)

Ged is a surgeon by profession. Having graduated in Manchester in 1989, he trained in Manchester, Scotland, India and the West Midlands returning to Manchester as a clinical lecturer in 1997. Having been appointed a senior lecturer and consultant in 2000, he was appointed Hospital Dean in South Manchester in 2004. Ged founded the Universities’ Medical Assessment Partnership in 2003 and became the founder director of the Medical Schools’ Council Assessment Alliance. Ged also led the establishment of the University Hospital of South Manchester Academy in 2009. In 2010 he became professor of medical education at the University of Manchester (UoM) and was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy. In 2012 Ged became Associate Dean for Communications at the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences at UoM and an honorary Professor of Health Sciences at The University of Salford.

In 2014 Ged joined Health Education England where he leads on global education, patient safety and public health and wellbeing. He has a long association with global health education and capacity building being the founder of the Global Health Exchange (www.globalhealthexchange.co.uk) and co-founder of the Uganda-UK Healthcare Alliance.

Marian Jacobs
Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health and retired Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa.

With qualifications in medicine, paediatrics and public health, Marian worked as a paediatrician and held several academic posts in both paediatrics and public health at UCT - from lecturer to professor, culminating in the position of Dean (2006-2012). She has played a critical role in highlighting the importance of child health as the founding director of the Child Health Policy Institute and the Children’s Institute at the university, and has published widely in her field.

Beyond leadership positions in governance of national institutions in health and research in the country, she has also chaired the Boards of the Centre for Health Research in Bangladesh, the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) in Geneva, and the African Population and Health Research Center in Kenya.

Marian continues to advise the World Health Organisation, Doris Duke’s African Health Initiative, the Gulbenkian Global Mental Health Platform and the Institute for Health Improvement globally, and currently serves as chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for the Academy for Leadership and Management in Health in South Africa’s National Department of Health.
Nigel Crisp
Independent crossbench member of the House of Lords where he co-chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health.

Nigel was Chief Executive of the NHS in England and Permanent Secretary of the UK Department of Health between 2000 and 2006. Previously he was Chief Executive of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust.

Nigel chairs Kings Partners Global Health Advisory Board, the Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance and the Uganda UK Health Alliance. He is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, an Honorary Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Medicine. He was formerly a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health and Regent’s Lecturer at Berkeley.

He has written extensively on health. His book ‘Turning the world upside down - the search for global health in the 21st Century’ describes what high income countries can learn from middle and low income countries and takes further the ideas about partnership and mutual learning that he developed in his report for the Prime Minister, Global Health Partnerships. He described his time as Chief Executive of the NHS in ‘24 Hours to Save the NHS – the Chief Executive’s account of reform 2000 – 2006.’

His most recent book, edited with Francis Omaswa, is ‘African Health Leaders – making change and claiming the future.’ Most accounts of health in Africa are written by outsiders. This redresses the balance and contains accounts written by leading Africans of work they have undertaken in their own countries ranging from tackling HIV/AIDS and maternal mortality to developing the largest public health programme in the world in Neglected Tropical Diseases.

More information at nigelcrisp.com

Stephan Bognar
Senior Development Advisor

Stephan is a Senior Development Advisor to development agencies, governments and institutions. Prior to that he worked as a Technical Advisor with JPF Asia and CEO of MJP Cambodia, one of the leading organisations dedicated to fighting rural poverty and environmental injustice.

Stephan spent over 10 years working as an environmental, health and safety advisor around the globe for various multinational organisations such as NIKE and non-government organisations working on community and conservation projects targeting vulnerable families living in isolated, rural communities.

He started his career in international development as a junior intern at the United Nations (UNIDO) in Vienna, Austria.

Peter Lees
Chief Executive and Medical Director, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management

Peter serves on the Clinical Governing Body of West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the General Advisory Council of the King’s Fund and the NHS Leadership Academy Steering Group.

Over 20 years, Peter has combined a career in neurosurgery with senior roles in operational management and leadership development. This included experience at local, regional and national levels and in global health. Formerly he was the Medical Director, Director of Workforce and Education and Director of Leadership at NHS South Central Strategic Health Authority; Medical Director of the NHS Top Leaders Programme; and Senior Lecturer in Neurosurgery at the University of Southampton.

He is a graduate of Manchester and Southampton Universities, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London.
Joy Kemp

Joy is the Global Professional Advisor (Global Midwifery Twinning Project) at the Royal College of Midwives, UK. The RCM has had formal twinning relationships with midwives’ professional associations in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda since 2012 and also facilitates midwife teacher twinning between the UK and Northern Nigeria. Joy is a midwife and as well as her career in midwifery, she has worked as a Humanitarian Volunteer in Albania, South East Asia Desk Officer for the Tearfund as well as a Humanitarian Volunteer in Thailand, Cambodia and Northern Iraq for CORD (previously Christian Outreach) for 8 years.

Peter Nash

Peter has been working for the past 12 years with RCPCH Global team, VSO and British Council to manage professional volunteer programmes across Africa and Asia. For the past four years Peter has managed three UK Aid/THET funded Health Partnership Scheme programmes to support improved paediatric health outcomes in Uganda, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

Andrew Boyd

Andrew is a London based GP with particular interests in global health and education. Having completed an IGH Fellowship in Cambodia in 2012, he worked for the IGH team as the Leadership and Education Lead in the UK running the induction programme for volunteers as well as training and supporting a team of Mentors.

Michael Vonk

Michael Vonk is the Chief Executive Officer at George Hospital in the Western Cape, South Africa. He is a qualified psychologist who has spent most of his working career in Health Service Management, in both the United Kingdom and in South Africa.

Andy Parrish

Andy Parrish is a specialist physician heading the Department of Internal Medicine at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in East London, South Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at Walter Sisulu University, a guest senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town, a clinical mentor at Rhodes University, and chairperson of the South African Adult Essential Medicines committee.

Graeme Chisholm

Graeme joined THET as Volunteer Engagement Manager in 2011 to support the launch of the Health Partnership Scheme. In addition to volunteer grant management Graeme has overall responsibility for THET’s policy and advocacy work. Prior to working with THET Graeme worked with VSO in recruitment, fundraising, partnerships and latterly in their policy unit as Programme Development Adviser for Health.

Alison Jennings

Alison is Head of Leadership and Organisational Development at the Thames Valley and Wessex Leadership Academy. Alison is staunchly committed to the principle that higher standards of organisational and personal leadership deliverer higher quality patient care.

Loeur Choup

Coordinator to the MJP health team-Cambodia, Loeur was a nursing teacher (1988-1990) with American Refugee Committee in the Thai-Cambodian Refugee Camp. He was also Sectoral Provincial Technical Advisor to the Cambodian Government’s Departments on programme work plan development under UNPD programme in Cambodia (1994-2005).

Sisocheata Choeng

Sisocheata has a background in nursing and midwifery and joined the MJP Foundation in 2010. She coordinates all maternal and child health projects within MJP, working closely with community leaders and villagers to deliver these healthcare goals. She also plays a crucial role in assisting NHS volunteers from project design to implementation. She wishes to pursue a Masters degree in Public Health in the future.
Abstract submissions were reviewed by a panel and the following UK Volunteers were chosen to present their work at the conference:

- Alice Beech
- Alison Ambrose
- Charlotte Mitchell
- Chinonso Nwoguh
- Clare Logan
- Eloise Whitaker
- Emily Roycroft
- Hannah Spiers
- Helen Casey
- Jitin Verma
- Joe Bourdillon-Schicker
- Judith Livingston
- Judy Martin
- Leah Owen
- Lindsay Ford
- Katharine Edgerley
- Leanne Saddler
- Lucy Frost
- Mark Gradwell
- Mark Lee
- Naina McCann
- Rebecca Nunn
- Robert Stellman
- Samantha Roper
- Susannah Cochrane
- Vicki Rowse