

Informing the Health Links Network

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Dear Friend

Welcome to THET's monthly e-bulletin which includes news and information relevant to Health Links and THET activities.

If you have any materials or news which you would like to publicise, please send the information to the editor of this e-bulletin, Erin Miwa, erin@thet.org. Conference and workshop reviews are also welcome. Note that we are unable to distribute attachments so please ensure that your item can be pasted into an e-mail message.

Feel free to forward this e-bulletin to anyone who might be interested.

NEWS

Contribute to the new DH International Framework!

THET and VSO are working together with consultants Tribal Newchurch to support the revision of the Department of Health's official Guidance Framework to the UK health sector on getting involved in international development. The consultation document, which is a key step towards the publication of the international framework at the end of the year, is now available and we would like to hear your views! Responses to this consultation will inform the final document. To find out more about how you can feed into the consultation process and to download the consultation documents, please visit our website:

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php#page/index/NHSGuidanceFramework.html>

THET Annual Review

The THET Annual Review 2008 is now available to download. Please go to:

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?page/index/downloadablepublications.html>

Alexander Baillie performs exclusive THET concert

On 6th July, THET was proud to host an evening of classical and improvised music by world-renowned cellist Alexander Baillie live in concert with Max Baillie on violin. The concert was held at St Mary's-at-Hill Church in London, which provided a beautiful background for these exceptional musicians. Over £1,500 was raised and a recording of the concert will be available for purchase in September. To reserve your copy of this THET-exclusive recording, please contact our fundraiser, Dilys at dilys@thet.org.

British 10k London Run 2009 a success!

Congratulations to 13 brave runners who took to the streets on Sunday 12th July to complete the annual ASICS British 10k London Run on behalf of THET. It was truly inspiring to see them cross the finish line along amongst 27,000 other runners in support of their cause. Participants included staff from the East London – Butabika Link, as well as THET's Sharon Horder, Louise Cripps, and Genevieve Hutchinson. So far we have raised just over £3,500 which will help THET to continue its vital work. The sponsorship ends in October 2009. If you want to sponsor a runner, or to book your place for 2010, please contact Dilys at dilys@thet.org.

Partnerships in health information (Phi) / THET Collaboration

July 2009 marked the end of a successful one-year collaborative programme between THET and Phi, funded by the Sir Halley Stewart Trust (SHST). The support from SHST has enabled the two organisations to work together over the year to: raise awareness of the importance of health information issues in Africa; support the development of effective health library partnerships (including in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia); and increase awareness of the importance of health information among Health Links. For more information about the work of Phi visit:

<http://www.partnershipsinhealthinformation.org.uk/>

Building our common future – New UK Government White Paper on International Development

The government has recently released its latest White Paper in which it writes that the UK has been at the forefront of international efforts which have helped lift record numbers of people out of poverty in recent years. Despite this progress, the developing world is facing its profoundest challenge in a generation. The worst global downturn in 60 years threatens to push 90 million people into poverty. Climate change and conflict threaten the lives of the poor. The White Paper argues that this matters not just for the poor, but for us all. In an interdependent world, our future is tied together - development is not just a moral cause, but is in all of our common interests. The White Paper marks the government's renewed commitment to the ideals of international development, and indicates new and fresh directions it will move in. To read a summary of the Paper please click on the following link:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/About-DFID/Quick-guide-to-DFID/How-we-do-it/White-Paper-2009---at-a-glance/>.

A copy of the full White Paper can be downloaded at:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/whitepaper/building-our-common-future-print.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Working Overseas: Changing Lives - Are you ready for the change?

This event aims to provide a platform for all stakeholders, planners, providers and users of healthcare to debate and discuss global trends on provision of healthcare. It is designed to give registered practitioners an opportunity to explore the options around gaining experience of health care provision in developing countries. This event will take place on Friday 25th September 2009 at the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN. Ticket costs: Registered Practitioners £50; Students £25 (includes VAT, lunch and refreshments). More information can be found on the

RCN website at:

www.rcn.org.uk/nursing/events

GOOD PRACTICE

Links Manual (2nd Edition)

The 2nd Edition of the Links Manual, full of practical advice and guidance for both UK and overseas Links partners is available to buy or download. For more information how to get your copy, click on the following link:

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?page/index/downloadablepublications.html>

Newly Launched! Nigerian Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

A quarterly publication of Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHIN) publishes original research on the biology and diseases of the gut, liver, pancreas, peritoneum and spleen both in humans and experimental animal models. For more information visit:

<http://www.soghin.org/>

CHANGES AT THET

Last week THET said goodbye to Carla Jouaval, who has worked with THET for the past 4 months as a Fundraising Intern working on grant applications. Thanks to Carla for her work during her time here and we wish her well in her future career.

VACANCIES / WORKING OVERSEAS

Fundraising Intern

THET has an exciting opportunity to support the sole fundraiser to raise money for THET in 2009. No previous fundraising experience is necessary, but an ability and willingness to learn fast and to work with a high degree of independence and self-management is essential. This role would suit a bright, motivated student/recent graduate, interested in gaining fundraising experience in an international health charity. Closing date for applications is 28th August 2009. For more information and how to apply please click on the following link:

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?page/index/volunteeruk.html>

Health professionals – Somaliland

The Edna Adan Teaching Hospital in Hargeisa, Somaliland, which is registered with the government as a charity hospital, is looking for the following health professionals: 1. Medical Doctor who is a generalist and with OBGYN experience or specialization and 2. A Nurse/Midwife Educator.

Interested candidates may contact the Director for more details and employment conditions. For more information visit the Edna Adan Teaching Hospital website:

www.ednahospital.org