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Eluned Morgan appointed WHO Champion for the European Well-being Economy Initiative



The WHO Regional Director for Europe, Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, has appointed Eluned Morgan as a WHO Champion for the European Well-being Economy Initiative. Eluned Morgan is currently the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care of Wales (United Kingdom). This personal appointment is in recognition of Cabinet Secretary Morgan's commitment to advancing the health sector's contributions to a well-being economy and promoting a whole-of-society approach to well-being.

Public Health Wales [World Health Organization Collaborating Centre On Investment for Health and Well-being](#) has been working closely with the Welsh Government and the WHO Venice Office helping to implement a Well-being Economy in Wales and beyond, and supporting the Cabinet Secretary. This work has strengthened Wales leading global role as a 'live innovation site' for wellbeing and prosperity for all, mobilising evidence, developing new tools, and informing Health as a Foundational Economy in Wales. Further information can be found here: [Sustainable Investment for Health & Well-being](#); [WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development \(Venice, Italy\)](#).

You can read more [HERE](#).



Global Citizenship

A Globally Responsible Wales



In Wales, Global Citizenship is a globally responsible wellbeing goal indicator as part of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

The United Nations

explains that 'Global citizenship is the umbrella term for social, political, environmental, and economic actions of globally minded individuals and communities on a worldwide scale... Global citizenship is embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals through SDG 4 – Quality Education'



Global Citizenship Values



Global Citizenship understands

- Global issues are local issues
- Appreciates different cultures & identities
- Ways to ensure health is a right for all
- Effects of inequities in Wales and the world
- Impacts of globalisation & interdependence
- Impact of climate change, conflict and natural disasters
- Respects and values diversity

Our Modules



What can you do?

- Challenge stereotypes
- Question viewpoints
- Being actively engaged with your community and the world - how you vote, work, shop, travel and campaign can all make a difference

Additional Resources:

What you need to know about global citizenship education | UNESCO
 What is Global Citizenship? - Education resources | Oxfam GB
 Global Citizenship Case Studies | Welsh Centre for International Affairs
 Building a Wales of Active Global Citizens | Institute of Welsh Affairs



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search for 'Global Citizen Programme'

Public Health Wales Health Protection Surveillance Workshop in India

Giri Shankar, Chris Williams and Sophie Harker from the health protection division of Public Health Wales, designed and delivered a workshop on “Novel methods for disease detection and surveillance” at the 51st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM), held at Mangaluru, India on 7th February 2024. The conference was held over 5 days with a total of 1300 registered delegates. There were 22 workshops and 20 plenary sessions.



This 3-hr workshop focused on three specific areas namely:

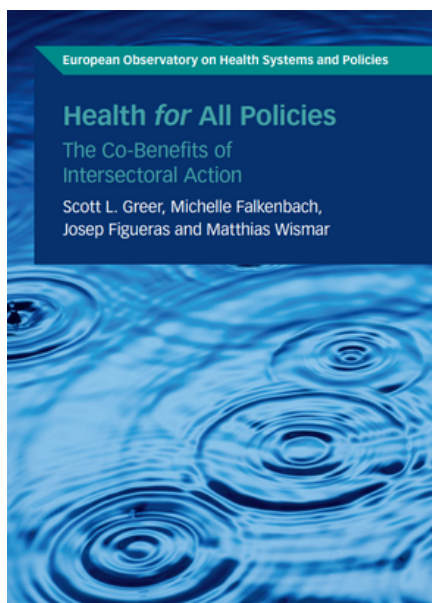
1. Surveillance objectives
2. Surveillance methods
3. Impact on Policy

In this highly interactive session, the 25 delegates were introduced to a number of Welsh examples, including from the recent COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussions then focused on how some of the projects and methods could be translated to the Indian context. There was good number of Indian examples that the team took away to discuss for the Welsh context.

Later in the conference, Giri Shankar also gave a talk in the plenary session on 10th February on the “Role of surveillance in control of infectious diseases – the international experience”.

Following the workshop IAPSM have reached out to Public Health Wales to discuss further collaborations which health protection are leading on.

Health for All Policies The Co-Benefits of Intersectoral Action



The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies has published new study titled 'Health for All Policies: The Co-Benefits of Intersectoral Action'. Health for All Policies changes the argument about intersectoral action, from one focusing on health and the health sector to one based on co-benefits – a 'Health for All Policies' approach. It uses the Sustainable Development Goals as the framework for identifying goals across sectors and summarizes evidence along two causal axes.

To download the study, please click [HERE](#)

Applications open for the Observatory Summer School 2024

NAVIGATING THE HEALTH WORKFORCE CRISIS: HEALTH CARE INNOVATIONS AND TRANSFORMATION

21 July – 27 July 2024
San Servolo, Venice (Italy)
You can apply [HERE](#).



**OBSERVATORY VENICE
SUMMER SCHOOL**

International Learning Opportunities 2023/24

The ILO scheme, which sends people from Wales on 8-week placements in Africa has reopened for applications.

The ILO programme is aimed at experienced managers and leaders who live or work in Wales. Potential participants must be fully committed and able to undertake a placement.

You can find out more information [HERE](#).



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International Horizon Scanning and Learning Report

Impact of poverty on babies, children and young people

Report 48, February 2024

2.46 million children under the age of 15 are living in relative income poverty in the UK. Poverty rates have remained high in Wales over the past two decades with children consistently at the highest risk of living in poverty of any age group.

The cost of living crisis has increased the risk of negative health impacts of poverty. [The latest International Horizon Scanning and Learning Report](#) from the Policy and International Health WHOCC Directorate at Public Health Wales looks at the impact of poverty on babies, children and young people and summarises international approaches to prevent and/or reduce it.

International evidence shows that a multi-agency approach is essential involving a range of partners, such as government, local authorities, voluntary and community organisations, housing agencies, landlords, education, mental health services and the private sector. It works most effectively when it is underpinned by a shared understanding of harms and the priority actions needed to address it.

The report features successful approaches and potential solutions to tackle poverty and its negative impacts on babies, children and young people. Universal child benefits which give cash transfers to parents to spend how they see fit can address and improve children's health and well-being. Social protection programmes connect families with healthcare, nutritious food and quality education to give all children a fair chance in life.

Leah Silva, Senior Policy Officer said, " Shifting public spending towards early intervention and prevention is critical for developing more effective and efficient policies to tackle child poverty. "

The report highlights successful policies in Scotland and Slovenia. In Scotland both local and national approaches to prevent or reduce poverty are targeting the most at-risk groups (including children) and have focused on ensuring effective implementation and monitoring outcomes. Children in "persistent poverty" in Scotland dropped to 10% in 2019/20 compared to 14% in 2007/08. In Slovenia they have focused on harmonised childcare and social protection and centred their approach on families rather than on individual children. Their Child Guarantee National Action Plan focuses on areas which affect child poverty rates including care, education, health, nutrition and housing.

Welsh Government do not have full (devolved) power over many policy areas which drive child poverty rates. Nevertheless, in January 2024, Welsh Government renewed the Child Poverty Strategy for Wales. Together with other legislation and policy levers, Wales has set a unique enabling environment to prioritise action to protect children against the impacts of poverty and tackle its underlying causes.



Moses Wasswa Mulimira – THET has joined the IHCC’s NHS Wales International Health Activity Group, which comprises representatives from all Health Boards, Trusts in Wales, and key stakeholders, as diaspora and THET representative.

Experts in our Midst Report



Experts in Our Midst | Recognising the contribution NHS diaspora make to global health

This policy report from THET highlights the contribution that diaspora NHS staff make to global health. Exploring their impact and the challenges faced, this report shows us how we can enable, engage and empower the experts in our midst.

Experts in Our Midst explores the broader current context and promotes the marginalised voices of diaspora NHS staff within the wider, often hostile, environment. We know that diaspora NHS staff have always played a valuable role in Health Partnerships. What we did not know was the scale of their engagement, the challenges faced, nor how best to amplify their voices to demonstrate the impact diaspora can have on global health projects.



Global Social Determinants of Health Global PH Conversation at the World Health Assembly, Geneva on 29th May 2024 6pm – 8pm

This event will launch results from the Global Social Determinants Study (GSDS), the first 8-country nationally representative study that is explicitly designed to document social determinants in low-, middle-, and high-income countries and how they affect population health and well-being.

For questions or accommodation requests, please reach out to sphevent@bu.edu.

More information on how to register for this event can be found [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events and Conferences



77th World Health Assembly Taking place in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 May through 1 June 2024.

Every year, WHO Member States come together to agree on WHO leadership, priorities, budgets and policies. This year's World Health Assembly is taking place in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 May through 1 June 2024.

This year, UHC2030 is focusing on the resolution on Social participation for universal health coverage, health and well-being, election advocacy, and building gender-responsive health systems for universal health coverage (UHC).

See [HERE](#) for event details.

European Public Health Week

13th May – 17th May

The European Public Health Week (EUPHW) aims to raise awareness about public health and promote collaboration among the public health community in Europe.

EUPHW is an annual initiative organised and coordinated by EUPHA. It began in 2019 and keeps growing. Read more about the past editions.

The sixth EUPHW will take place between May 13th and 17th, 2024.

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