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Public Health Wales International Public Health Forum 20th November 2024



Join us on the **20th November 2024 10:00-12:00** for Public Health Wales' first **International Public Health Forum**.

It will promote the experiences of colleagues across Public Health Wales, share their learnings from engaging in international health activities and research and provide time to discuss opportunities for the future to engage in international partnerships working and networks.

This work will enable and support the implementation of Public Health Wales' Long-Term Strategy.

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If you are interested in presenting your work or have a topic of discussion, please contact laura.holt@wales.nhs.uk

The Charter for International Health Partnerships Implementation Toolkit

An updated [Toolkit](#) is now available to staff who are interested in international partnerships.

The implementation toolkit helps staff in Health Boards and NHS Trusts translate the [Charter for International Health Partnerships in Wales](#) into operational practices, ensuring that principles and values of the NHS are reflected in all international health activity. Implementing the Charter also aligns with the actions outlined in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The toolkit has been developed and refreshed from lessons learned, compiling examples of best practice and providing a governance framework to support international health activity.

This toolkit provide valuable materials such as:

- Guidance
- Case studies
- Implementation documents
- Useful resources and much more.

As a living web-based resource, this toolkit will continue to be adapted.

Who was involved in making the toolkit?

Partners involved in the NHS Wales International Health Activity Group, which comprises representatives from all Health Boards, Trusts in Wales, and key stakeholders, are continually contributing to the toolkit. Our teams in WHO Collaborating Centre on Investment for Health and Well-being at Public Health Wales also received written acknowledgments for their contributions



Climate Change in Wales Health Impact Assessment (HIA)



Liz Green, HIA Programme Director, Public Health Wales, was invited to present and deliver a Q and A on the climate change HIA in Wales as part of a webinar series and masterclass session organised by the New Zealand NHS.

Participants included many from national, regional and local government (sustainable development units, climate change, health and environment leads) and the New Zealand National Health Service.

Feedback was hugely positive about the work and its impact to date and how it adds to a focus on wellbeing and vulnerability.

Call for Health Award Nominees

International call for nominations – John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award – scientifically based research that has improved the health and well-being of those facing health inequities worldwide.

The mission of the Gairdner Foundation is to celebrate, inform and inspire scientific excellence around the globe. The Gairdner Foundation was established in 1957 with the main goal of recognizing and rewarding international excellence in fundamental research that impacts human health.

Professor Gagandeep Kang, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Southern India, won the 2024 award. Her work has made a significant impact on vaccine development and health policy in India and internationally.



Nominations for the 2025 awards are invited from any field of research impacting global health and health inequity.

The award is intended for research-focused candidates. Nominations are due by 11:59 pm PDT on October 1, 2024.

Recipients will be announced in March/April 2025, and presented in October of 2025.

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Comisiwn Bevan Commission

The Bevan Commission has published the findings of Phase One of Conversation with the Public.

In collaboration with NHS Wales Health Boards, Trusts and Llais, this piece of work engaged citizens across Wales in conversations about the future of health and social care services.

Through seven 'town hall' events in each NHS Wales Health Board locality, a national online event and a survey, the project successfully gathered the insights and views of over two thousand members of the public.

The Bevan Commission has also published a paper on the Values and Value of the Third Sector.

This paper explores the unique strengths and contributions of third sector organisations, highlighting their agility, resilience, and deep community connections. By developing greater collaboration with statutory services, the third sector can drive significant improvements in health and wellbeing across Wales.

Discover how this partnership can lead to innovative solutions, early interventions, and a more integrated approach to healthcare delivery.



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If you become a member of the Faculty of Public Health (FPH), you are eligible to join a Special Interest Group (SIG) convened to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the public's health today and to provide FPH members with a platform to speak out in one voice on a particular topic.

SIGs enable members from across the UK and globally to network with other public health professionals working in their field and provide FPH with an invaluable source of expertise and support.



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30 Years of the Fairtrade Mark

Celebrate the Fairtrade Mark with a host of events in 2024. This radical poverty-busting icon turns thirty this year.

The Fairtrade Mark guarantees that a fair price was paid for the product at source; and that acceptable wages were afforded to all from crop to store.



End Poverty Now

Fairtrade was a movement in responding to the desperate plight of Mexican coffee farmers.

In the 1980s, the price of cocoa beans collapsed. Mega-corporations exploited a brief lull in the market by closing ranks.

It kept prices unsustainably low, driving into destitution many of those involved in the industry on the ground.

Fairtrade allowed consumers the choice to pay a little extra for their chocolate and coffee, in the knowledge that they weren't contributing to starvation price-fixing, human rights abuse and slave labour.

Farmers took the life-line, selling their best crops to those who paid the best price. The Fairtrade initiative grew from country to country and across the world.

Thirty Years On

In 1992, the Fairtrade Foundation was formed in Britain, part of the wider movement. It took a couple of years for products to appear.

Green & Black's flagship Maya Gold chocolate bar, made with cocoa beans from Belize, was the first to carry the legendary Fairtrade mark. It was swiftly joined by Clipper Tea and a choice of coffee brands - Percol and CafeDirect.

All stocked in British stores from September 1994.

Look out for events locally celebrating this epic achievement and special anniversary.

Upcoming Events and Conferences

IANPHI (International Association of National Public Health Institutes) Webinars

Building Effective Networks: Strategies for Partnership Mapping and Stakeholder Engagement in NPHIs.

IANPHI hosts webinars that allow member national public health institutes to discuss urgent global health issues with peer and partners organizations. Topics are chosen by members for their relevance to fellow NPHIs and the wider global health community.

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Bevan Commission Intensive Learning Week

Swansea, Wales | October 14 - 18 2024

A programme for those within health and care to work with people who are passionate about making a difference and developing innovative solutions to current and emerging challenges.

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74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

Copenhagen, Denmark | 29-31 October 2024

Health ministers and high-level delegates from the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region, as well as representatives of partner organizations and civil society, will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 29–31 October 2024 for the 74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC74).

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THET (Tropical Health and Education Trust) Annual Conference 2024 **Strengthening collective action on global health.**

Online | 6 - 7 November 2024

THET's Annual Conference is the major global health event bringing together the Health Partnerships community and featuring high-level decision makers and internationally recognised experts and leaders, to find solutions and share experiences to advance universal health coverage.

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17th European Public Health Conference 2024

Sailing the waves of European public health: exploring a sea of innovation

Lisbon, Portugal | 13 - 15 November 2024

Just as explorers once set sail to discover new worlds, we, as public health professionals, embark on a journey of innovation and discovery in our field.

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The 29th annual meeting of the WHO European Regions for Health Network (RHN) **Enhancing community well-being**

Trieste, Italy | November 27 - 29 2024

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