

# Irish Global Health Network Activities 2020-2021

## EVENT HOSTING

Last year, the IGHN hosted 27 live events with 136 leading international speakers and more than 20,000 views online. More than 70 nationalities participated in our events worldwide.

The massive success of IGHN events has led to wide recognition among our global health peers regarding the expertise and niche position the secretariat has developed in hosting high level international events. Our reputation is such that other organisations and coalitions that we participate in, including the Peoples Vaccine Alliance Coalition representing more than 20 Irish organisations, have designated us as the Irish organisation of choice for hosting collective flagship events. Currently, the IGHN is planning three further events in November along with the Father Michael Kelly event in December – all of which have been instigated by other organisations seeking our support.



## IRISH GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK - MEMBERSHIP

The IGHN membership has been growing apace in 2021 with a further 500 new subscribers in 2021. Our membership now has a base of 2250 people, with a further cross network social media audience of 8657 followers. Our engagement is well above industry average on all channels, with the IGHN social media post volume averaging 300 posts per quarter with impressions upwards of 9000 in the same period.

## GLOBAL HEALTH PODCASTS 2021

The IGHN podcast series is an informal interview series and archive of personal testimonies from some of Ireland's leading global health influencers including doctors, ambassadors, campaign advocates, activists and media personalities who are leading the charge in their chosen fields. The series serves to showcase the personalities behind global health activities in Ireland from the grassroots level to the education system and from the influence of local individuals working in global health to the implementation of national policy overseas. It offers perspectives from Ireland's NGOs and civil society organisations as well as charting our national presence and influence internationally.

So far, monthly podcasts have enjoyed strong listenership with over 1450 unique listens. The IGHN plans to develop the series to incorporate a full repository of first-hand accounts about the work and professional lives of those working in global health in Ireland and their impact around the globe.







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## INCUBATOR FOR EMERGENT GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERS

As part of its commitment to facilitate and serve emerging and fledgling global health networks in Ireland, The Irish Global Health Network has since 2020 initiated three new partnerships, including: Women in Global Health Ireland; Irish Doctors for Vaccine Equity; and the Ireland Africa Alliance for NCDs. These third-party groups, which were founded and initiated on the request of existing individual members of the network, have approached IGHN to seek expertise on how best to grow and develop communications with fledgling memberships of their own and initiate a pathway for progress to advance their own missions.

The IGHN has facilitated the online presence of these separate entities' by developing dedicated web portals on the [globalhealth.ie](http://globalhealth.ie) website complete with streamlined and targeted independent audiences for those groups, including support statements, email distribution lists and social media accounts. In addition, the IGHN serves as a voice multiplier for these networks among its own membership aggregating event information and promoting campaign materials, events and statements.

## Women in Global Health – Ireland

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Women in Global Health Ireland is a group of individuals who represent academia, private sector and non-governmental organisations coming together to support gender equality in global health leadership.

Our goal is to contribute to improving Gender Transformative Leadership in Global Health within Ireland and worldwide by creating an enabling and supporting environment through advocacy, education and networking that promotes gender equity in global health. Gender Transformative Leadership improves global health through the utilization of advocacy, education, policy recommendations, mentorship and networking opportunities.

Ireland has a strong presence in global health. There are many international NGOs, undergraduate and postgraduate global health focused courses across the country. There are also numerous individuals who represent Ireland in international organisations or in other countries around the globe. A key objective for the Irish Chapter of WGH is to create a space for networks of 'Irish affiliated' persons to learn about and advocate for women's representation in global health. WGH Ireland also aims to act as a resource centre for up to date information and opportunities.



## Ireland Africa Alliance for NCDs

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### The Ireland Africa Alliance for Non Communicable Disease

A group of professionals with a special interest in supporting best practice for Non Communicable Disease in Africa joined forces in 2020 to raise awareness of the burden of NCDs in Africa. Our aim is to enhance international commitments, empower and influence local stakeholders, and support our group members already implementing projects in Africa. The group acknowledge the complexity and heterogeneity of African healthcare and as an initial focus, plan to build on members' existing contacts and networks.

### Mission Statement

Our vision is the prevention and management of NCDs with a view to improving the quality of life of Africans and reducing premature death there.

### Objectives

- i. To partner with local professionals to ascertain local needs
- ii. To raise awareness of NCDs and their effect on populations
- iii. To influence national policies on NCD prevention and management in Africa
- iv. To highlight international best practice
- v. To focus on diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular and respiratory disease



## Doctors for Vaccine Equity

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Doctors for Vaccine Equity aim to highlight the vast inequities in COVID-19 vaccine access worldwide. We are calling for the Irish government to support the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations on global vaccine equity including the following actions:

- ☑ Support the TRIPS waiver to allow vaccine production in the Global South as a sustainable solution
- ☑ Facilitate urgent global redistribution of current vaccine supplies and commit to rational purchasing to avoid vaccine hoarding and wastage



In addition to hosting a web presence on their behalf, IGHN supports with various activities including event-hosting, policy consultations and advocacy campaigns.