

IRISH GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK CONFERENCE 2024

Fostering Humanity: Promoting Health Equity for a Better Planet

2nd to 3rd October, 2024

College Hall, RCSI, Dublin

Co-Hosted with RCSI Institute of Global Surgery

PROGRAMME

📍 RCSI, 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 YN77, Ireland



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Day 1 - Wednesday 2nd October, 2024

Theme: Advancing Health Equity

Sub-Themes: Transformative Partnerships, Health Education Empowerment, Gender Equity in Health, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Innovative and Decolonising Health Approaches

Artwork display throughout the conference

Atrium

The Akazi Exhibition – Breast Cancer in Malawi – Antonio Jaén Osuna

Beyond the Surface: Art, Illuminating the Future of Surgery – Méabh Hennelly and Ines Hermoine Mulford

From 8:00am

WELCOME RECEPTION & REGISTRATION

Board Room

Tea, coffee, refreshments

9:00 - 9:30am

OPENING REMARKS

College Hall

Featuring

Nadine Ferris France, Irish Global Health Network

Juan Carlos Puyana, RCSI Institute of Global Surgery

Anne Nolan, Irish Aid

Begin Day 1 with a focus on Advancing Health Equity. The opening remarks will set the stage for the day's discussions on fostering inclusive and equitable practices in global health. We will explore the importance of partnerships, decolonisation, and inclusive strategies that drive progress toward a more just and accessible health landscape for all. This opening session will outline the vision and goals for the day, inspiring attendees to engage deeply with the theme of health equity throughout the conference.

9:30 - 10:15am

MORNING PLENARY

College Hall

Keynote Speakers

Christian Acemah, Uganda Academy of Sciences

Umunyana Rugege, UNAIDS

Session Co-Chairs: Marie Hallissey, GOAL and **Issa Salha**, Trinity College Dublin

This session will explore critical issues around equity, partnership, and decolonisation in global health, with the discussion focusing on advancing human rights, social justice, and equitable access to healthcare, with a particular emphasis on HIV and AIDS. Attendees will gain insights into how inclusive partnerships and decolonising practices can drive more just and effective health outcomes globally.

10:15 - 10:45am

BREAK & GLOBAL HEALTH VILLAGE

Board Room

Tea, coffee, refreshments

The Global Health Village is a central feature of IGHN's events, serving as a vibrant hub for networking, exchanging insights, and sharing experiences in global health. Featuring booths from various global health partners and organizations, it provides attendees with the opportunity to connect, learn, and explore diverse efforts being made to advance global health initiatives.

10:45am - 12:15pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

PARALLEL SESSION 1.1: DEMONSTRATING THE IMPACT OF THE HEALTH PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

College Hall

Session Co-Chairs:

Caragh Munn, Irish Global Health Network
Manasvini Moni, ECDC

This session highlights the importance of collaboration in advancing global health, improving healthcare delivery, and fostering innovation through partnerships.

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| Agbo, A. | Demonstrating the impact of the health partnership approach in Africa: Nigeria as a case study |
| Ardilouze, A. | Enhancing professionals' inter-disciplinary child protection responses |
| Hargreaves, A. & Dossen, B. | Stigma towards mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) conditions in Ireland and Liberia |
| Johnston, K. | Setting up a post-grad paediatric surgical educational platform – PASS in Tanzania |
| Philipo, G.S. | Improving access to surgical care in rural settings of East Central and Southern Africa |

PARALLEL SESSION 1.2: HEALTH EDUCATION AND SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Robert Smith Room

Session Co-Chairs:

Fiona Lawless, Women in Global Health
Bláithín O'Reilly, Irish Global Health Network

This session emphasizes the importance of enhancing health education and reinforcing health systems to improve overall health outcomes through exploring various strategies, programs, and methods.

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| Aboukasem, J.A. | Bridging the global health divide: Ireland's role and future opportunities |
| Kingdon, C. | mHealth for self-testing: Assessing usability and acceptability in a university setting |
| Mohsin, A. | Developing and piloting a method to evaluate the global health commitment of Irish universities |
| Simiyu, B. | Interprofessional education placements for healthcare students in non-clinical community settings |

PARALLEL SESSION 1.3: INNOVATIVE INTERVENTIONS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Albert Lecture Theatre

Session Co-Chairs:

Stephen O'Hare, HIV Ireland
Riky Pahlepi Saputra, Trinity College Dublin

This session explores innovative approaches and technologies that tackle global health challenges, highlighting creative solutions that improve healthcare delivery, outcomes, and health equity.

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| Hallissey, M. | A systemic approach to map, analyze and strengthen health systems resilience |
| Low, C. | Positive konnections: a superhero mental health intervention in Zimbabwe |
| Ní Cheallaigh, D. | The impact of creativity in Wakakosha - a self-stigma intervention for young people with HIV |
| Wade, G. | Inquiry based stress reduction in obesity self-stigma in community clinic / general practice setting |

12:15 - 1:00pm
Board Room

**LUNCH &
GLOBAL HEALTH
VILLAGE**

12:15 - 1:00pm
The Atrium

**OPTIONAL LUNCHTIME
WORKSHOP**

Get Set! Using drama-based exercises to deliver shame-free, fun, age-appropriate sexuality education
Ellen Corby & Kelly O'Doherty

1:00 - 2:00pm

PANEL DISCUSSION: HUMAN RIGHTS, DECOLONISATION, AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

College Hall

Panellists

Bonface Massah, Standing Voice Malawi

Fionnuala Murphy, Frontline AIDS

Peggy Maguire, The European Institute of Women's Health

Salome Mbugua, AkiDwA

Moderator

Emer O'Neill, Irish Girl Guides, RTE

This panel brings together experts to explore the intersections of human rights, disability inclusion, SRHR, decolonisation, and gender equality in global health, addressing the impact of anti-rights movements and advancing inclusive strategies for all communities.

2:00 - 3:30pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2

PARALLEL SESSION 2.1: INTERSECTIONALITY, HEALTH EQUITY, AND DECOLONISATION

College Hall

Session Co-Chairs:

April Hargreaves, National College of Ireland

Oluwanifemi Fagbemi, Trinity College Dublin

This session explores social inequities, focusing on inclusive approaches to healthcare that respects and integrates local knowledge from marginalised communities.

Chen, P.Y. Internal stigma: A comprehensive analysis of the people living with HIV stigma 2.0 index

Hussu, I. Improving equity and quality: Which are the perceived priorities in collaborative global health research?

Vieri, K. & Procureur, F. Decolonial and inclusive one health approach: A participative action research in South Kivu, DRC

Warraitch, A. Addressing the barriers to meaningful adolescent involvement in health research: A qualitative study

PARALLEL SESSION 2.2: SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

Robert Smith Room

Session Co-Chairs:

Molly O'Meara, Irish Family Planning Association

Alice O'Flynn, Treoir

This session focuses on advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights through culturally sensitive, inclusive strategies that empower and engage marginalized groups to improve health outcomes.

Brennan-Wilson, A. A global research priority setting exercise on masculinities and SRHR: Key lessons and future directions

Deevy, K.E. Culture and sexual health among young adults: a literature review

Kovuri, T.S. Access to sexual and reproductive health information and services by adolescents aged 10-19 years in the North Shoa Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia

McCrossan, G. A systems approach to empower adolescents for positive reproductive health choices

PARALLEL SESSION 2.3: GENDER AND HEALTH

Albert Lecture Theatre

Session Co-Chairs:

Zahika Shah, Children's Health Ireland

Adheena Joshy, CBM Ireland

This session examines the relationship between gender and health, highlighting how gender norms affect health outcomes and access. It will address gender-based disparities, explore interventions, and promote inclusive health practices.

Alfuraydi, A. Adolescent girl's experiences of shame when diagnosed with HIV/AIDS: A qualitative study in Zimbabwe

Cote, C. Gender and self-stigma: A narrative report of self-stigma interventions for people living with HIV

Gilmore, B. The relationship between gender and gender stereotypes among healthcare leaders in Tanzania

Kwek, P.X. Systematic review on the representation of women in clinical trials in Singapore

3:30 - 4:00pm **BREAK & GLOBAL HEALTH VILLAGE** **Board Room**
Tea, coffee, refreshments

4:00 - 5:00pm **AFTERNOON PLENARY: GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORKS** **College Hall**

Panellists

Helen Mulcahy, Global Network of Public Health Nursing

Mark Lodge, UK and Ireland Global Cancer Network

Nadine Ferris France, Irish Global Health Network

Richard Firth, Ireland Africa Alliance for NCDs

Shailey Prasad, Advocacy for Global Health Partnerships

Moderator

David Weakliam, Health Service Executive

The HSE Global Health Programme, working closely with IGHN, has supported the development of various health networks. In this session, representatives from some of these will discuss how health networks can contribute to global health and development. The aim of this session is to share about these networks which have Irish involvement and discuss how they can contribute to addressing important global health challenges.

5:00 - 5:10pm **SUMMARY OF DAY 1 AND LOOK AHEAD TO DAY 2** **College Hall**
Rapporteur
Breda Gahan, Formerly Concern Worldwide

5:10 - 6:00pm **REPORT LAUNCH: ENACTING AN ETHIC OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE IN GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS** **College Hall**

Speakers

Bruce Compton, Catholic Health Association of the United States

Katthyana Aparicio Reyes, World Health Organization

Soledad Quiroz Valenzuela, Universidad Central de Chile

Moderators

Christian Acemah, Uganda National Academy of Sciences

Sydney Sproul, Uganda National Academy of Sciences

Report officially launched by Eric O'Flynn, IGHN Board Member and Programme Director at RCSI Institute of Global Surgery

The report calls for transforming global health partnerships to achieve equity by co-evolving systems with marginalised voices, especially from the Global South. It emphasises challenging conventional thinking, embracing diverse perspectives, and fostering trust through openness, curiosity, and humility to drive equitable outcomes in global health.

6:00-7:00pm **EVENING RECEPTION AND NETWORKING** **College Hall**
Canapés and refreshments
Awarding of ESTHER Ireland Accreditation Plaques

END OF DAY 1

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Day 2 - Thursday 3rd October, 2024

Theme: Resilience in Health

Sub-Themes: Global Mental Health Resilience, Health for Refugees and Migrants, Health Response in Crises and Conflict, Health Resilience in a Changing Planet, Strengthening Health Systems

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MORNING PLENARY

College Hall

Keynote Speakers

Caoimhe Nic a' Bháird, UNICEF Headquarters

Tony Holohan, University College Dublin One Health Centre

Isabel Simpson, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders

Session Co-Chairs: Enida Friel, GOAL and **Elena Bergamini**, Trinity College Dublin

This session will focus on building resilience within global health systems to address diverse challenges, from planetary health to humanitarian crises. The discussion will explore strategies for strengthening health systems, promoting mental health, and ensuring care for vulnerable populations in the face of global crises. Attendees will gain insights into how collaborative approaches can enhance health resilience across different sectors and communities worldwide.

10:00 - 11:30am

PARALLEL SESSIONS 3

PARALLEL SESSION 3.1: HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND CONFLICT

College Hall

Session Co-Chairs:

Ciara Norton, HSE Global Health Programme

Ivana Hussu, Irish Global Health Network

This session explores strategies for delivering essential health services in crises and conflicts, focusing on approaches to meet urgent needs in challenging environments.

Akhtar, T. N. How did the 2022 floods in Pakistan impact child wellbeing?

Dowd, C. The impact of food system attacks on child nutrition: evidence from conflict in Nigeria

Larkin, G.C. Paediatric mortality in a regional hospital in the Central African Republic

Rafferty, M. Telehealth initiatives in conflict zones: Insights from Ukraine

Zemp, C. Enhancing supportive supervision in humanitarian MHPSS: The 'Integrated Model for Supervision' (IMS)

PARALLEL SESSION 3.2: REFUGEE AND MIGRANT HEALTH

Robert Smith Room

Session Co-Chairs:

Fionnuala Murphy, Frontline AIDS

Tejaswy Swathi Kovuri, Trinity College Dublin

This session focuses on the health needs of refugees and migrants face, highlighting innovative approaches and collaborations to enhance healthcare access and outcomes.

Kennedy, P. Developing a health strategy for Roma in Cork and Kerry

Maiorano, N. Lessons learned in co-creating educational and psychosocial programs with refugee and migrant youth

O'Shea, B. Service provision and skills training in reconstructive surgery for Syrian refugees / surgical residents

Quirke, S. The infectious disease needs of Ukrainian refugees in a tertiary centre in the west of Ireland

PARALLEL SESSION 3.3: RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HEALTH POLICY

Albert Lecture Theatre

Session Co-Chairs:

Kristin Hadfield, Trinity Centre for Global Health

Daniella Torres Schiaffino, Reformaten

This session focuses on building robust, adaptable health systems through effective policy development and organization to enhance healthcare access and quality.

Cunningham, C. An exploration of barriers to implementation of MDA of schistosomiasis in Lake Albert, Uganda

Nash, K. Fostering meaningful community engagement in health impact assessment

Geiger, S. Regulating digital health markets through data justice principles - a call for EU policymakers

O'Reilly, S. Support to referral system for live-saving emergencies in conflict-affected settings, Chad

Pieterse, P. Can Sierra Leone achieve UHC when lack of funding leaves nursing graduates unemployed or unsalaried?

11:30 - 11:45am **BREAK & GLOBAL HEALTH VILLAGE**
Tea, coffee, refreshments

Board Room

11:45am-12:30pm **PANEL DISCUSSION: STIGMA AND MENTAL HEALTH**

College Hall

Keynote Speakers

Ben Adams, World Health Organization

Deirdre Ní Cheallaigh, Beyond Stigma

Frédérique Vallières, Trinity College Dublin, Centre for Global Health

Olivia Teahan, Nasc Ireland

Moderator

Claire Hayes, Consultant Clinical Psychologist

This panel will explore the impact of stigma on mental health, examining how social attitudes and misconceptions affect access to care, treatment outcomes, and overall well-being. Experts will discuss strategies to combat stigma, promote awareness, and create inclusive environments that support mental health for all.

12:30 - 1:30pm

IGHNx TASTER SESSION: CLIMATE CHANGE

College Hall

Speakers

Rachel Dempsey, Global Citizenship / Sustainability Educator

Matthew Chersich, Trinity College Dublin & Wits University

Eunice Philip, RCSI

Meditation with Nadine Ferris France, IGHN

Moderator

Fionnuala Moran, RTE2fm

This TEDx-style session delves into the multifaceted issues of climate change, featuring dynamic talks on climate justice, activism, environmental impact, and more, all with a global health perspective. Designed to challenge conventional thinking and spark curiosity, these talks will present thought-provoking questions, inspire creativity, and encourage innovative approaches to tackle climate change. Join us for a series of compelling stories that ignite activism and drive meaningful change in the fight against climate-related health challenges.

1:30 - 2:15pm

Board Room

LUNCH &

GLOBAL HEALTH

VILLAGE

1:30 - 2:15pm

Albert Theatre

OPTIONAL LUNCHTIME WORKSHOP

Beyond Awareness:

Effective Support for Gaza

2:15 - 3:45pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS 4

PARALLEL SESSION 4.1: HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

College Hall

Session Co-Chairs:

Geraldine McCrossan, GOAL

Jasmine Huber, Irish Global Health Network

This session examines how social and economic factors shape health outcomes and explores interventions to reduce disparities and advance health equity.

Jabbour, S. Social and community determinants of youth mental health in Lebanon

Kuriakose, C.S. Epilepsy treatment gap in low- and middle-income countries: A scoping review

McLoughlin, E. An epidemiological profile of the comorbidity burden of patients in a paediatric ICU in Cambodia

Quirke, S. Inclusion health service development in the West of Ireland

Saracini, F. Pregnant women navigating Sierra Leone's faltering free healthcare system

PARALLEL SESSION 4.2: PLANETARY ENVIRONMENTAL ONE HEALTH

Robert Smith Room

Session Co-Chairs:

Sive Bresnihan, Comhlámh

Kilian Zeller, Trinity College Dublin

This session explores the links between environment and health, highlighting the impact of climate change and the need for holistic, sustainable solutions to global health challenges.

Akhtar, T. N. Climate change and adolescent mental health: Insights from two climate-vulnerable settings

Hardgrave, K. An example of an innovative handwashing campaign in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Hadfield, K. Systematic review of influences on climate change attitudes in Europe

Walker, M. An exploration into the relationship between nature exposure and wellbeing

PARALLEL SESSION 4.3: GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

Albert Lecture Theatre

Session Co-Chairs:

Clíodhna Ni Bhuachalla, HSE Global Health

Rana Elsayed, Trinity College Dublin

This session addresses mental health challenges globally, exploring strategies to improve outcomes, reduce stigma, and strengthen support in low resources.

Cai, P. The effectiveness of problem management plus (PM+) in treating psychological distress

Depner, N. Superhero-based mental health interventions for young people: A systematic review

Mihretu, A. Global partnership - supporting a clinical psychology programme in Ethiopia

Musyoka, E. Mental health champions: Enhancing community centered health and mental wellbeing in low-resources

Zemp, C. The unmet need for mental health support among persons with disabilities in Somalia

3:45 - 4:05pm

BREAK & GLOBAL HEALTH VILLAGE

Tea, coffee, refreshments

Board Room

4:05 - 5:10pm

PANEL DISCUSSION: EQUITY

College Hall

Speakers

Brendan O'Shea, GP at The Bridge Medical Centre, and Trinity College Dublin

Ciara Conlon, Access to Medicines Ireland

Mary Brigid Collins, Pavee Point

Robbie Lawlor, Access to Medicines Ireland

Moderator

Greg Martin, Health Protection Surveillance Centre

This panel explores the challenges and opportunities for advancing health equity across diverse populations. Speakers will share insights on overcoming barriers to healthcare access, addressing discrimination, and fostering inclusive policies and practices that ensure equitable health outcomes for all.

5:10 - 5:30pm

JOHN KEVANY LECTURE

College Hall

Keynote Speaker

Breda Gahan, Formerly Concern Worldwide

Session Co -Chairs: **Eric O'Flynn**, RCSI Institute of Global Surgery and **Delroy White**, Trinity College Dublin

John Kevany, Professor Emeritus of International Health at Trinity College Dublin, spent his lifetime exploring the role of poverty in global ill health, whilst also maintaining a commitment to addressing inequities. Throughout his career, Prof Kevany worked with the WHO, the World Bank, and the International Development Agency as a public health specialist. His legacy continues to inspire future generations.

5:30 - 6:00pm

CLOSING CEREMONY

College Hall

Summary and Audience Feedback

Christian Acemah, Uganda Academy of Sciences

Nadine Ferris France, Irish Global Health Network

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