

**Hello Everyone!**

Welcome to another Medsin Newsletter! Thank you so much to all of you who made it to the Games Night, we hope you had a fantastic time. Don't worry if you missed it; we have loads more exciting events coming up including our Film & Wine Night on Tuesday 20th October!

The most important news of the week is for all of you to PLEASE JOIN UCL MEDSIN!!! We would love to increase participation amongst non-medical students so please join whatever course you are on! Membership is £4, and will enable you to attend our events for free, to get involved with all our projects and campaigns, and to get your hands on a copy of our Global Health Magazine, Perspectives! You can join either by visiting <http://www.uclunion.org/shop> or by going to the CSC 2nd floor in the Bloomsbury building (but online is far easier and quicker).

If you have any questions, comments or thoughts for any of the Medsin Committee email us at [medsin.ucl@gmail.com](mailto:medsin.ucl@gmail.com)

For more information on our latest events visit our website [www.uclmedsin.org](http://www.uclmedsin.org)  
Please also sign up to the Medsin National mailing list at [www.newsletter.medsin.org](http://www.newsletter.medsin.org)

If you have any events or news you would like to submit to the next newsletter please email [medsin.ucl@gmail.com](mailto:medsin.ucl@gmail.com) by Friday 23rd October.

See you all at the Film & Wine Night on Tuesday 20th October!

*Your Medsin Committee 2009*

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**Medsin UCL News:**

- 1. Film & Wine (as well as other beverages) Night**
- 2. MNDC World Swim Against Malaria**
- 3. Stop AIDS Super London Speaker Tour**

**Other Related Events:**

- 1. Vulnerability in Health**
- 2. UCLU Debating Society debates the motion: This house believes the NHS has lost sight of it's founding principles**
- 3. UCLU Friends of MSF: Electives in Developing countries - Talk/Q&A 2009**

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**1. Film & Wine (as well as other beverages) Night**

Date: Tuesday 20th October

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Pearson Lecture Theatre

(<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=117&d=121&w=False>)

Medsin welcomes you to a screening of...

## "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH"

Come along to our film and wine night where we will be watching "An Inconvenient Truth", a film "which offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it." It doesn't matter if you've had any previous interest in this field before, just come and watch the film and you can make up your mind from there!

We will also be serving wine and snacks, so it's also another opportunity to mingle and relax in a friendly Medsin environment!

**Members - Free**

**Non Members - £2**

(The film was previously going to be "The Age of Stupid" but due to unforeseen circumstances this is no longer possible, we will however be screening this at a later date)

## 2. MNDC World Swim Against Malaria

Date: Saturday 24th October

Time: 12.00-4.00pm

Venue:

Come join us as we swim to fight malaria!

Malaria causes 2.7 million deaths per year. The number of children who die from malaria would fill 7 jumbo jets every day.

And the worst thing is.. this is all completely preventable!

On SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER students from several of the London colleges will be coming together to raise money to combat malaria.

We will be doing a sponsored swim to raise money to buy and distribute mosquito nets worldwide. You can swim individually, as a team relay, reach a set target, or just as long as you fancy it. You can even do it in fancy dress!

You register, you get sponsorship, you swim: its all down to you. And we promise to translate 100% of your efforts towards purchasing bed nets.

Come join us, exercise, have fun and save lives!

## 3. Stop AIDS Super London Speaker Tour

Date: Wednesday 28th October

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital, St.Thomas Street, London SE1 9RT

([http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?source=ig&hl=en&rlz=1G1GGLQ\\_ENUK270&=&q=SE1%209RT&lr=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?source=ig&hl=en&rlz=1G1GGLQ_ENUK270&=&q=SE1%209RT&lr=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl))

Directions: Come out of London Bridge Tube St and take a right at the Starbucks. Cross the road at the traffic lights and then walk through the large car park you will see directly

across the road. Once through the car park walk under the arches and down the steps until you get to a large courtyard. From here go to the building on the RHS right at the opposite end of the courtyard from where you are standing there will be steps leading into this building. On entering the building go through the glass doors and Harris Lecture Theatre is just on the LHS.

The Speaker Tour is a nationwide tour across Britain involving three speakers, two from Africa and one from the USA, who raise awareness about HIV/AIDS through speaking about their lives and experiences with and living with HIV. The tour highlights the impact of HIV/AIDS at the person level; giving faces and characters to those alarming statistics we hear from day to day. Don't miss this opportunity to see the human side of HIV/AIDS.

Email Roz, our Stop Aids Campaign Coordinator, at [r.scourse@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.scourse@ucl.ac.uk) if you want to come along!

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## 1. Vulnerability in Health

Date: Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th October

Venue: Nottingham Medical School, QMC

Plenaries on Older people, Asylum seekers & other migrants, Mental Health, Physical disability.

Link to promo video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cay0nagI9Qg>

Dismissed...

"A quarter of the world's population will be over 60 by 2050. Do we have the attitudes and resources to rise to the healthcare challenge?"

Disorientated...

"How can we improve provision of services of those with mental health problems? Is access to healthcare beyond the capacity of health institutions?"

Displaced...

"How should doctors be involved in "policing" immigration status, if at all? Is access to health services a human right? Should it be?"

Disabled...

"How serious is UK about improving the rights of disabled people, here and abroad? Are we failing in comparison to other countries?"

We can't wait to see you for a great weekend debating these issues, with plenty of fun mixed in. Enjoy our 2 socials...bring your green tights for our Robin Hood themed Banquet and Party on the Saturday night!

What you need to do...

1. Sign on to our website... [www.medsin09.org](http://www.medsin09.org)
2. Pay your money.
3. From 12/10/09 sign up to workshops.
4. Get a pair of green tights
5. Make your merry way to Nottingham for the 24-25th October!

Tickets are selling fast so get yours now to avoid disappointment at [www.medsin09.org](http://www.medsin09.org)

24-25th October, 20 international expert speakers, over 50 engaging workshops, a global health futures fayre, robin hood social and much much more....

All this for only £15 (all food and accommodation included).

See you there!

## **2. UCLU Debating Society debates the motion: This House believes the NHS has lost sight of it's founding principles**

Date: Monday 19th October

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Venue: Sir Ambrose Fleming Lecture Theatre (downstairs in the Roberts Building - opposite Waterstones)

The speakers are as follows.

In proposition.

Dr Sheila Lawlor

After finishing her doctorate at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge Sheila went on to become Director of the major british think-tank Politeia. Politeia is an active and influential think-tank dealing with major issues including healthcare. She has spoken alongside Boris Johnson and was named in the Guardians 'Top 101 Female Intellectuals in Britain'.

A second speaker tbc.

In opposition.

Sunder Katwala

Sunder is General Secretary of the Fabian Society, having previously worked at The Observer where he was a leader writer and internet editor, as well as editor of The Observer's 2001 election guide. He was previously founding Research Director of The Foreign Policy Centre and was Commissioning Editor for Politics and Economics at Macmillan.

Sunder is a regular contributor to broadcast and print media on British and international politics. His research interests include citizenship and British identity, the European Union, foreign policy and globalisation, and the future of Labour and progressive politics more generally.

Frank Dobson MP

Former Health Secretary from 1997-1999. He has been the MP for Holborn and St Pancras since 1979, the constituency in which UCL is situated. He also ran as the Labour candidate for the Mayoralty of London in 2000. Since his return to Parliament in 2001 he has been a prominent backbench critic of the government on issues such as Iraq, and a staunch defender of the NHS.

### 3. UCLU Friends of MSF: Electives in Developing countries - Talk/Q&A 2009

Date: Wednesday 21st October

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm

Venue: Wilkins Gustave Tuck LT on the main UCL campus (second floor up in the building on the south side of the main UCL quad - instructions at

<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=386&d=186&w=False>)

By Dr Tom Doherty, arranged by the UCLU Friends of Medecins Sans Frontieres Society

A popular event held every year - great for anyone thinking about/planning/about to go on an elective in a developing country! Do you have concerns or questions about your developing world elective?

- What diseases will I meet? Malnutrition or IHD?
- What treatments will be on offer? Augmentin or amputation?
- "Western" or Traditional?
- What will be expected of me? Observation or hands on action?
- What can I bring to help my hosts? Where can I get it from?
- What are the safety issues?

Dr Tom Doherty is one of UCLH's Tropical Medicine Consultants and lectures at UCL. Dr Doherty has worked in The Gambia, Jamaica and Zimbabwe. He will be speaking about working abroad and answering your questions about medical electives. This is an ideal chance to learn from his first-hand experience!

Any questions - get in touch at [uclmsf@googlemail.com](mailto:uclmsf@googlemail.com). Hope to see you there!

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