

Challenges & Opportunities of International Public Health

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WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH?

- Classification of Health & Healthcare Systems of the World
 - Geographical basis
 - Economic basis
 - Public Health basis

Public Health - ONE GLOBAL SYSTEM

- Diseases know no boundaries
- Life Styles no boundaries
- Migration of population & professionals

Therefore the future PH workforce
needs global mindset &
competencies to work in that system

Top 'softer skills' gain and maintained through International Work

- **Global awareness**
- **Adaptability – coping with complexity and uncertainty**
- **Interpersonal skills – team-working and collaboration**
- **Handling responsibility, including leadership through communication and empowerment**
- **Self-assurance**
- **Problem solving including coping with adversity**
- **Strategic thinking**

Formal

- FPH approved established training post
- FPH new training post
 - New Curriculum & PMETB
- **Key ingredients**
 - Deanery (funding)
 - Faculty International advisors/committee
 - Trainer/training site standards
 - Inline with curriculum and competencies framework (how would it help the trainee?)

Informal

- Local NHS organisation (North West, York & Humberside regions)
- Overseas trainees
- International Committee Trainees Group
- Peoples University project

www.peoples-uni.org

Be focused and objective + discuss your intent with your trainer

International PH Opportunities

Duration:

- ST: Emergencies & Disaster Relief
- LT: Public Health Development Work

Public health Domains:

- Communicable Diseases and Environmental Health
- Health Programmes / promotion
- Health systems/ Healthcare
- **NHS/International Organisation/
NGO**

Developments:

Nationally

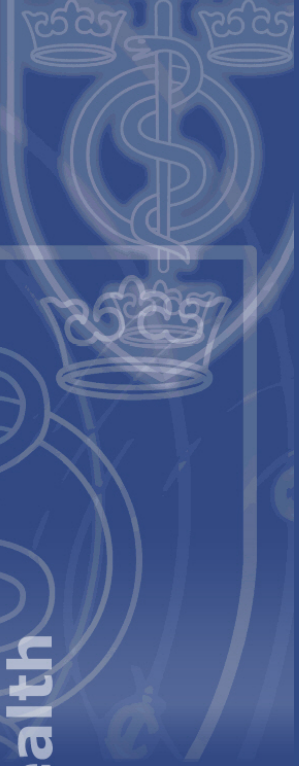
- DH: International Humanitarian & Health Work – Toolkit to support good practice (2003)
- Lord Crisp Report: Global Health Partnership – The UK Contribution to health in developing countries (2006)
- CMO Consultation: Health is Global - Proposals for a UK government-wide strategy (2007)

Faculty of Public Health

- International Committee and faculty advisors
- New Curriculum
- Part I Examination

Summary

- **International work experience is important (for your health and health of the world's population)**
- **Be objective and systematic to gain it (mind the opportunity cost)**
- **Faculty's International trainees Group (IC) could be a good starting point**



THANK YOU