



LAPH-Research Network (London North & Thames)

2 October 2023 2:00-3:30pm (zoom)

Attendees: Rachel Wells, Tamsyn Derrick, Alison Anstead, Chris Lovitt, Rachel Flowers, Paola, Dalya Marks, Louise Bishop, Jennifer Yip, Cynthia, Oliver Mytton, Shamini Gnani, Dina Kakar, Matt Egan, Natalie Barton, Marcelle Marinho, Muhammed Afolabi, Maddy Gupta-Wright, Talia Boshari, Ruth Hutt, Andrew Trathen, Billy Hopkins, Ysabella Hawkins, Preveina Mahadevan, Sedina Lewis, Vaishnavee Madden, Tom Harvey, Talia Boshari, Philippa Harris, Bianca D'Souza, Helen Skirrow, Ana-Catarina Ayanna Griffith, Simon Twite, Arti Sharma, Kim Airey, Kathering Barrett, Subarna Chakraborty, Hiten Dodhia, Emily Aidoo, Richard Pinder, Nicky Longley, Alexandra Levitas, Jenny Blythe, Sally Hargreaves, Lizzie Walsh

Chairs: Jessica Sheringham, Leonora Weil.

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

1. LAPHRN Conference Update

General points:

- 26th March 2024, full day event focusing on the research in Local Authorities.
- Thank you to those colleagues who participate in the planning committee and generally.
- Keynote speakers – Professor Kevin Fenton and Professor Lucy Chappell.
- How to apply - <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/news-and-events/2023/september-2023/laphrn-conference/> Registration closes 15th January 2024. Tickets are operated on a first come, first served basis.
- Abstract interest - [Click here](#) Close date 31st December 2023. Successful applicants will be informed in the new year. Colleagues are welcome to contact Jessica and or Leonora should there be any additional queries or unsureness.
- Editor and Chief of a Public Health Journal will be attending and speaking in the workshop.
- Colleagues interested in participating in the planning / organisation should contact Sharlene Mutyasira s.mutyasira@ucl.ac.uk.

2. **Medical Research Council: introduction and opportunities for research funding:**

Dr Tamsyn Derrick, MRC Programme Manager for Population Health Sciences and Public Health Intervention Development (PHIND)

Rachel Flowers, DPH Croydon & MRC reviewer

Proposed projects can arrange 1:1 meetings for further support – publichealth@mrc.ukri.org

UKRI eligibility check - <https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/apply-to-become-an-eligible-organisation/#contents-list>

Questions can be addressed by - Tamsyn.Derrick@mrc.ukri.org



3. Local authority/UCL MSc dissertation collaboration – launch of pilot scheme

Interested LA Collaborators are asked to propose a project(s) which UCL will review and ensure the proposed project meets the requirements of a dissertation. If the project is taken forward colleagues must be available at least 3 times throughout the course of a year.
Ideas to be submitted by end of October.

Contact Jessica Sheringham j.sheringham@ucl.ac.uk in the first instance if you're potentially interested and want to discuss further. If you wish to submit a project, complete short form - <https://forms.office.com/e/tt3w3EzBde>

Action: Dalya and Jess to discuss the comparison of LSHTM and UCL offline.
Noted volunteer: Simon T expressed interest in supporting pilot.

4. Talia Boshari - Establishing a Community Board for London asylum seeker and refugee health (in collaboration with St Georges University of London)

Strategic systems approach to build rigour and embed evaluation in a Cost of Living crisis by Jamie Fagg and Aideen Dunne, Public Health Specialist Registrars, GLA Group Public Health Unit.

Discussion:

- Menti meter questions and responses used - <https://www.menti.com/alcegf2k4rne>. Colleagues are welcome to contribute more ideas and information to this board. Responses will be shared at a later date.
- London Household Task group are aiming to setup a scope the strategic approach to evaluation for cost of living. Colleagues interested in the network and working with the lead on this work stream, please contact aideen.dunne@london.gov.uk / jamie.fagg@london.gov.uk who will make the necessary introductions. The task group seek to scope and embed this work.
- No long term funding has been established. The scoping work will help boost the lobbying of the 'free school meals' initiative.

AOB: The Executive LAPHRN group to strategical develop a three-year plan for the network.

Simon Twite: Funding call opportunity - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/22136-public-acceptance-of-the-use-of-administrative-datasets-for-public-health-research/31756>

ACTION: Please notify Sharlene of any topics you would like to bring to a future planning surgery.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th December 2:00 – 3:30 <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/96738969475>

Previous meeting notes: All previous notes can be found on the ARC North Thames Website: <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/get-involved/providers-and-commissioners/>

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