

IKD workshop - Innovating for Local Health: Addressing Local Needs in a Globalised Context

25th April 2014, 9.30 am – 5.00 pm, Jennie Lee Building, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

Local health needs of developing and developed countries are multifaceted and dynamic but can be hard for local actors to define and address within the highly structured context of ‘global health’. Global health policies and practices tend necessarily to top-down and can obscure the varying patterns of local health needs and local health sector environments. Global health initiatives operate by identifying major global killers, including pandemics and epidemics, and neglected diseases that are susceptible to international initiative. Their success is well understood to rely on the ability of local actors to meet and mitigate local challenges.

This workshop seeks to explore the scope for sharing local perspectives on local health systems, within the current globalized policy and funding contexts. Innovatively, we aim to bring together local perspectives on innovation in health systems from the UK and low and middle income countries (LMICs), to explore topics including impact, equity, risk and governance of innovations in and for local public health. In doing so, the workshop aims to share and interrogate evidence on the importance of the connection between the ‘global’ and the ‘local’ and to build a network of researchers studying innovation for local public health within a global context.

Confirmed Speakers

Maureen Mackintosh (OU)
Mike Rowson (UCL)
Dinar Kale (OU)
Geoff Banda (OU)
Smita Srinivas (Columbia)
Martin Higginson (OU)
Jo Chataway (RAND Europe and OU)
Julius Mugwagwa (OU)

Target audience: academics, policy makers, development experts and practitioners working on local and global health issues.

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