

WERC NEWS

Dear Members

Having recently changed our name from WEDHS to WERC, the partners recently met to begin the process of reviewing WERC's strategic aims. Although there will be some change to our key aims, as I stated in a previous bulletin, our overriding purpose and mission will not change: we remain committed to conducting high quality research with a focus on BME population groups in Wales, and to the development research resources, best practice guidance, and knowledge exchange opportunities. As such, we remain committed to working collaboratively - with BME patients, service users and community groups to draw out research priorities and to foster an interest in research, as well as with practitioners, policy makers, funders and researchers to improve practice, influence policy and to strengthen the quality and quantity of ethnicity, health and social research in Wales.

WERC will be forging ahead in a period marked by economic, political and social change. Although this may indeed make our path rocky, we fully intend to take tap into the spirit of resilience, creativity and innovation that often emerges in times of uncertainty in order to meet the challenges ahead. As always, we will keep you informed and will be asking shortly for your views on the aims of this Collaboration and the role you may want to play in its development.

*Best regards,
Roiyah*

The WERC Steering Group: Mrs Mary Holmes (North Wales Race Equality Network), Professor George Karani (Cardiff School of Health Sciences, UWIC), Professor Joy Merrell (School of Health Science, Swansea University), Dr Gillian Olumide (School of Health Science, Swansea University), Dr Roiyah Saltus (School of Health, Sport and Science, University of Glamorgan) and Professor Charlotte Williams (School of Public Policy and Professional Practice, Keele University).

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With a specific focus on Ethnicity, health and social research, each month we seek to provide up-to-date information on research, funding, events, training and job opportunities.

Kenya – Wales Research Collaboration: Spotlight on work being done by WERC Partner, Professor George Karani




From right: Professor George Karani, Mr JW Owen, Mr Powell, Ms Ngari, Dr Gichura, Professor Brown, Dr Davies, Mr. Cawood and Dr Kanekanian.

Ms Mary Ngari, Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of State for Northern Kenya and other Arid lands in Kenya Prime Minister's Office, and Dr Salome Gichura, Education Attaché, Kenya High Commission, London visited UWIC from the evening of 8th June to the morning of the 11th June 2010. During the visit, a number of key presentations on research and enterprise projects and on learning and

teaching were given by Professor George Karani, Gavin Cawood, Dr Ara Kanekanian, Colin Powell, Dr Keith Morris, Andy Curnin and Paul Belcher. The presentations and meetings were chaired by Dr Lisa Davies, Deputy Head of International Office at UWIC. A number of areas for collaboration were identified, including

- Disease surveillance and management.
- Climate change
- Environmental protection for pastoral communities
- Needs assessment for the region
- Inequality for marginalised communities
- Indigenous knowledge
- Food security
- Child nutrition
- Design technology
- Working with industries in the region.

RESEARCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

 **NHS Evidence - Ethnicity and Health** *A service supplied to NHS Evidence by CEEHD*

Newsletter 10 (June 2010)

The aim of this Collection is to make accessible all the best currently available electronic evidence relating to health care for minority ethnic groups in Britain. The newsletter highlights news and developments in ethnicity and health, lists additions to our collection and provides information on forthcoming events. Contents include resources have been added to

the ethnicity and health specialist collection during April and May 2010:

- Oral cancer screening in the Bangladeshi community of Tower Hamlets: a social model
- The risk of prostate cancer amongst black men in the United Kingdom: the PROCESS cohort study
- Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in South Asian and white populations in London: database evaluation of characteristics and outcome
- Emergence of ethnic differences in blood pressure in adolescence: the determinants of adolescent social well-being and health study
- Inequalities experienced by Gypsy and Traveller communities: a review
- Interactions between a deaf child for whom English is an additional language and his specialist teacher in the first year at school: combining words and gestures
- The involvement of Chinese older people in policy and practice: aspirations and expectations
- 'Unheard voices': listening to refugees and asylum seekers in the planning and delivery of mental health service provision in London
- Will community-based support services make direct payments a viable option for black and minority ethnic service users and carers?
- The social consequences of sickle cell and thalassaemia: improving the quality of support
- 'Experts', 'partners' and 'fools': exploring agency in HIV treatment seeking among African migrants in London
- Bringing dementia out of the shadows for BME elders: a report on the work of the ethnic minorities dementia advocacy project (EMDAP)
- Issues and principles in service delivery to communicatively impaired

minority bilingual adults in neurorehabilitation

- Demographic data in asthma clinical trials: a systematic review with implications for generalizing trial findings and tackling health disparities

Please visit the website to view the newsletter and learn more about this important programme of work:

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/ethnicity/Page.aspx?pagename=NEWSLETTER>

Welsh Assembly Government Public Health Information Service News (Issue 2, 2010)

The usual features and updates are all included. If you want to send contributions then please contact Sue Thomas (Ed) who will be able to assist you if you have any queries. The most recent issues are also on the newsletter pages of our web site at: www.wales.gov.uk/healthpromotionlibrary

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The 6th Concepts of Epidemiology course

6th – 10th Dec 2010, Medical School, Teviot Place, Edinburgh

Epidemiology is the scientific and applied discipline that seeks the causes of disease as they impact on populations. The course is intended for those who want to lay a sound foundation to their knowledge of epidemiology, particularly as it relates to public health practice, policy and research. It will be most suitable for those in the health professions, such as nurses, doctors, health promoters, health policy makers and health researchers. Social sciences, statistics and health management colleagues may also find the course useful. It could also be a useful refresher or additional course for those already trained in public health or epidemiology. The 2010 Epidemiology course has been awarded **30 CPD credits** by the Royal College of Physicians. **Course Leader:** Professor Raj Bhopal CBE, DSc(Hon), MD

For further information visit

<http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine?Course=K1797>

RESEARCH FUNDING

AdvantAGE programme (Wales) Funder: Big Lottery

While many older people view ageing as an opportunity and an exciting new life chapter, for others old age brings with it new challenges and key life changes which, without support, can appear daunting and isolating. The aim of the programme is to improve the quality of life of older people by providing access to befriending or advocacy services.

Programme priorities and themes

- The results of evaluation demonstrate the impact and promote the development of advocacy and befriending services
- Reduced loneliness and increased wellbeing through improving social interaction
- Increased confidence and ability to meet the challenges and opportunities of ageing
- Increased understanding and use of rights and awareness and uptake of services leading to greater independence and choice for older people

If you are a voluntary and community sector organisation and your project meets the programme's outcomes listed above; then you may be eligible to apply for grants of between £200,000 and £1 million.

Closing date: 29 October 2010

For further information visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/program/advantage>

BASPCAN's Research Award programme 2010

This year the British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN) will be awarding grants to collaborative applications made by practitioners & researchers (academic and other) working in partnership. The research must have a clear focus on child protection/safeguarding and preference will be given to applications that are multi-disciplinary or multi-agency in nature. The grant can be used to fund new research or to provide a means to extend or develop

existing research. The research must not involve work that would normally be undertaken by an organisation as part of its regular monitoring processes. BASPCAN encourages members from all UK countries to apply for a grant, up to a maximum of £5,000.

Closing date: 31 July 2010

Further information, the Research Grant Application Form and Eligibility Criteria are also available on the BASPCAN website at www.baspcan.org.uk or by request from the National Office.

National Institute of Social Care and Health Research

A number of funding schemes run by the National Institute of Social Care and Health Research are now open:

- i. **Social Care Research Award** (£750k available). NISCHR anticipates funding between 5-7 projects. Closing date: 5:00pm 30 September 2010
- ii. **Health PhD Studentship Award** (£600K available) NISCHR anticipates funding up to ten awards (£60k maximum per award). The lead applicant must be academic supervisor with named PhD student in mind. Closing date: 5:00pm, 16 September 2010
- iii. **Social Care PhD Studentship Award** (600k available) NISCHR anticipates funding up to ten awards (£60k maximum per award). The lead applicant must be academic supervisor with named PhD student in mind. Closing date: 5:00pm, 16 September 2010

- iv. **Social Care Small Grant Award (250K available)** NISCHR anticipates funding up to ten awards (£25k maximum per award). The lead applicants must be based in a social care/social services environment. Closing date: 5:00pm, 23 September 2010

For applications forms, guidance notes and further information contact the NISCHR office on: 02920 82 5560, or email: NISCHR@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK

Joseph Rowntree Foundation - New Insights

JRF are seeking proposals for projects that help us understand the future we are facing, and make concrete suggestions for ways in which disadvantaged communities can be protected, or even supported to thrive.

Closing date: 12pm, 2nd August 2010 for outline proposals. For further details visit:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/new-insights2010>

ESRC Knowledge Exchange Schemes

The ESRC has issued a harmonised call for the following schemes, providing funding to undertake additional knowledge exchange and impact generation activities that can demonstrate the potential for economic, social, policy and/or practice benefit(s).

- Business and Third Sector Placements (up to £25k)
- Follow-on Funding (up to £100k)

- Knowledge Exchange Small Grants (£2k - £10k)

Closing date: 4pm on 5th August 2010. For further details visit:

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/KnowledgeExch/index.aspx>

ESRC-DFID Joint Scheme for Research on International Development (Poverty Alleviation)

The Department for International Development (DFID) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) are pleased to announce a second call for applications under Phase 2 of their strategic partnership to provide a joint funding scheme for development research. The purpose of the scheme is to provide a more robust conceptual and empirical basis for development, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

[ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RELATED TO THE MDGs.](#)

This second phase of the joint scheme has a total budget of £23 million and consists of three annual calls for proposals. £7m is set aside for this second call. The second phase of funding retains the overall 'poverty alleviation' theme from the first phase, and applications under this broad heading will still be eligible. However, ESRC and DFID have identified three thematic areas for this call where work will be of particular interest. These areas are:

- Population and Development;

- Development in a Changing World: the Challenge for Theory, Policy and Action;
- Inequality and Development.

Deadline for applications: 16.00 UK time on 30 September 2010. The full specification document can be found here: http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/ESRC-DFID.aspx

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Equalities Researcher Secondment Opportunity

The Welsh Assembly Government is looking for a highly experienced and skilled researcher to be seconded to the Assembly Government for one year, with the possibility of extension for a further year. The postholder will join the research team serving the Department for Social Justice and Local Government, and work on a variety of important projects to support the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Division. If you (or anyone in your organisation) might want to apply for this post or if you would like to receive a copy of the job application form, please contact Mike Harmer on 01685 729134, or by email: michael.harmer@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications to this post will be the 13th August 2010

Articles for this bulletin were received from our sister e-group Minority Ethnic Health (minority ethnic-health@jiscmail.ac.uk), our PHIRN colleagues (www.phirn.org.uk), Dave O'Carroll of the RCN Research and Development Co-coordinating Centre, Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales (BVSNW), and the Foundation for Refugee Education (FrED)

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