

GLOBAL HEALTH WEEK

Editor of The Lancet Richard Horton is among the many distinguished speakers who will address the undergraduates of Barts and the London during this year's global health week, convened by Professor Allyson Pollock. A series of lectures, debates, international link-ups and films will explore an extraordinarily diverse range of topics, all linked by one common theme: the influence and power of the corporation over public health.

Professor John Frank, Director of the Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy will open the week, on a day which also features a live video link with Makerere University in Uganda to discuss the challenges that patients and doctors face in respect of access to medicines, drawing on joint work with QMUL on the AMASA project funded by the EC (put in the link).

A panel discussion on the future of the NHS also promises to be a highlight, with speakers including Andy Burnham MP, Clare Gerada, Chair of the Royal College of GPs and Kailash Chand, Deputy Chair of the BMA. They will be joined by founders of the NHA party NHS consultants Clive Peedell and Jacky Davis, as well as local GP Jonathon Tomlinson.

Blogger, journalist, author and GP Margaret McCartney will be discussing 'Why sexed up screening is bad for your health', and Professor David Healy will provide a scintillating account of disease mongering drawn from his new book on the pharmaceutical industry and mental illness. Guardian journalist and author of 'Not on the Label', Felicity Lawrence will join Geof Rayner to examine food policy and public health.

Award winning journalist Clare Sambrook and physician Nick Lessof will talk about their crucial work to help refugees, asylum seekers and children held in detention centres while GP Louise Irvine will provide an overview of ATOS and the new disability benefits system.

Professor Lesley Regan will be closing the conference with a lecture on Challenges in Women's Health and the importance of maternal health.

Global Health Week is an integral part of the curriculum for trainee medics at Barts and The London Medical School, part of Queen Mary, University of London.

All students on the International Health programmes are welcome to attend, and please feel free to invite colleagues and friends.

Any staff or students who wish to attend a lecture please contact Louisa Harding-Edgar on l.harding-edgar@qmul.ac.uk or 020 7882 8118. Members of the public and scholars from other institutions are also welcome to register.