



Global Emergency Care Collaborative

Newsletter – Spring 2023

Dear GECCo community,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023! This issue includes information about the latest events that Team GECCo have been busy planning; some more exciting opportunities in global EM, and details of just some of the work that has resulted from people coming together through GECCo.

Upcoming Events:

6th July, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

It's time to look ahead to our summer face to face event. This year we are heading to sunny Scotland and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare.

We will be exploring UK global health projects, programmes and research in emergency care. We're particularly keen to hear from our ED colleagues engaged in this work, but everyone is welcome!

Put a pin in your calendar and keep an eye on emails/social media/website for programme and ticket details. We will be looking for attendees to contribute to the event so that together we can bring you the widest array of work being done. Placeholder attached for sharing with your networks. Once tickets are out we'll help people from further afield co-ordinate shared-travel to Edinburgh.

ID4ED: new project 

A group of us are collaborating to bring you a series of quick-fire educational resources, suited to the time-poor, enthusiasm-heavy emergency care practitioner. We will cover key infectious diseases related to the global EM setting. These bitesize materials will provide some 'what I wish I knew' style top tips from experts in the field, providing you with digestible information relevant to both practising in endemic areas and to managing the returning traveller. We welcome anyone who would like to help bring this concept to life.

Please get in touch if you have any events you would like to see/ get involved with planning. We'd be keen to hear if our paramedic colleagues would like something similar to our [EM nurse event](#).

GECCo Blogs:

[Adult Emergency Care Project in Sierra Leone](#) *Dr Zosia Bredow, SpR in Emergency Medicine*



Many people in Sierra Leone die prematurely from preventable and treatable causes. EM is not a specialty in Sierra Leone, nor is it formalised nationally.

King's Global Health Partnerships were asked by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation of Sierra Leone to help strengthen emergency care provision in the country in collaboration with the World Health Organisation. The project involved the development of a 7 day context-driven train-the-trainers course in EM, and supporting the roll out of EM training and provision nationally to at least 250 emergency workers.

Visit the [blogs section](#) of our website to read more about the challenges, successes, and subsequent applications of the programme. And if you feel inspired and have ideas for a blog please get in touch!

External Opportunities:

We regularly update our website with the latest opportunities in global EM. Please see a selection of the most recent opportunities below and head to our [website](#) for more. Please note these opportunities are external to GECCo.

Events:

- International Conference on Emergency Medicine, 13th -16th June 2023, Amsterdam
- Students for Global Health National Annual Conference, 25th– 26th March 2023, Manchester

Volunteering:

- Developing POCUS in the ED – King's Global Health Partnership in Freetown, Sierra Leone; project runs Mar-Aug 2023
- Global Emergency Health Observer Fellowships in the UK National Health Service for EM doctors from low resource settings – applications due Friday 16th June 2023

GECCo on tour:



Find out what those who have been involved in developing and delivering GECCo's work have also been doing. In recent news some of us have been supporting the [RCEM GEM strategy day](#). You might spot familiar faces from GECCo events and beyond!

Climate change

A note from [Angharad Spencer-Matewere](#), EM consultant at Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

"We only have to look as far as the 2022 floods in Pakistan and the devastating cyclone that hit Malawi this month to see the disproportionate impact climate change can have on vulnerable communities and fragile health systems. Whilst we may respond to the aftermath of such disasters we also have a role in advocating for their prevention. RCEM recognised this when they divested from all fossil fuels 3 years ago and created an Environmental special interest group whose [GreenED](#) initiative will drive forward sustainability in our speciality. More to come on this topic in an upcoming blog but meanwhile, consider attending the [Planetary Health Hub](#) 21-24th April where health professionals from a multitude of backgrounds will be calling for the UK government to follow RCEM's lead"

And finally...



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Thank you for reading this issue of the GECCo newsletter. For more content, information and opportunities, please take a look at our website [here](#).

If you have any ideas about future events or would like to get involved, please reach out to us via email at contactgecco@gmail.com, on twitter (@GECCoUK), or via the contact form on our website.