



Global Emergency Care Collaborative Newsletter – Summer 2026

Summer is finally here!

What a great way to kick off 2026 with our GECCo x Dharura event in Bristol in the Spring. It was wonderful introducing both organisations to so many new faces, and of course, catching up with old friends is always a pleasure. We've got even more updates from GECCo to follow in this edition, including our write up of the event, and news of our next meet up where we hope to see more of our community (and hopefully some sunshine this time too!)



News and developments

In March, the Dharura and GECCO teams descended on Bristol's harbourside for a day of networking, panels and breakouts on the theme 'doing more with less'.

With colleagues from all over the world joining us to discuss what this theme means to them, and their practical experiences and thoughts for the future, I'm sure more than one of you will be sad to have missed it, so read all about it [here](#). The day started with a keynote from Simon Horne, providing an insight into his experience in both military and civilian healthcare systems to draw on learning for the future from both. What followed was our spotlight on sub-Saharan Africa panel, featuring talks and a Q&A from Nang-Tege, Claire and Tunde.



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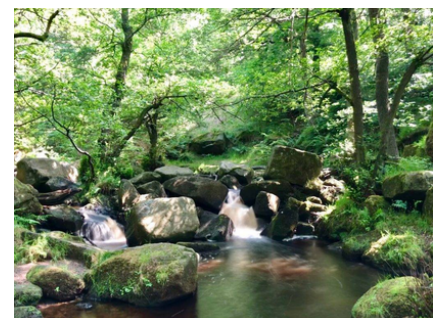
We then workshopped in small groups about GEM fellowships and training delivery, before hearing from our lightning presenters in our 'Little GEMs' slot. This featured a range of rapid presentations from a variety of individuals and organisations doing lots of work in the GEM field- the perfect way to showcase the diversity of GEM work and inspire those of us in the audience! The day was rounded off by Sohaib, Ahmed and Tracey, reflecting on their experiences delivering care and training in complex environments, providing us all with so much to discuss and reflect on as we made our ways home.



Upcoming Events

Summer walk

Due to our early 2026 main event we didn't want to leave it too long before we can meet and share ideas, so we are trying something different. Informal meet via a **4.5 mile circular walk in the Peaks on 19th August**. See the attached flyer with [link](#)- we hope to keep the conversation going with as many of you as can come.





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GECCo On Tour

GECCo has been a member of [ACAN](#)- the WHO's Acute Care Action Network since January. Anisa Jafar represented GECCo (as well as



RCEM) at ACAN's latest meeting in Geneva, so keep your eyes peeled for an update summary of how GECCo can contribute to this network's important work in developing global emergency care.

Opportunities

We regularly update GECCo's website with the latest opportunities in global EM from external sources. Please see a selection of our most recently found opportunities below and head to our [website for more](#).

- The EMC in the West Bank are planning their next visit. Read [more](#) and complete the EOI form [here](#).
- AFCEM early bird [registration](#) is open for their November 2026 conference in Arusha, Tanzania.
- The Samir Foundation is looking for [mentors](#) for medical students in Gaza.
- Check out the CREATE PhD programme [here](#).

Blogs

We've lots of blogs in the pipeline so please keep an eye out- Edie Jones, soon to be starting her SFP in Salford, has recently taken over as blog co-ordinator, so expect to be hearing more from her soon - thanks Edie!

We do try our best to stay connected whenever we can and we hope to see lots of you at our upcoming event! We are always growing and we love meeting new people all over the UK. Please get in touch via email contactgecco@gmail.com or any of the plethora of social media platforms below if you're keen to get involved!