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International SIG

The International Special Interest Group Of the CIEH

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CIEH Mission Statement

- Our mission is to maintain, enhance and promote improvements in environmental and public health through knowledge, understanding and campaigning
- *Worldwide??*



So –Why an International Special Interest Group?

- **Could be a** Focus for Regions
- **Support and give advice to** Individual Members
- **Coordinate** activities of EHP's
- **Inform** CIEH Strategy & Policy
- **Other** Agencies are not aware of contribution by EHP's in Post-emergency situations e.g The Tsunami and MSF recently interviewed a young EHO now doing sterling work for them in Sudan

International Organisations

- **EHO**verseas was formed over 15 years ago
- **International Federation of Environmental Health. IFEH**
<http://www.ifeh.org/>
- **Environmental Health in Disasters and Emergencies. EHiDE**
Peter Wright [p.n.wright@btinternet.com]
- **WaterforKids**
www.waterforkids.org

Guidance, advice and assistance to Regions and Members

- **Identify and set** Good Practice
- **Examples of** Links and twinning partnerships
- Technical Assistance for **Projects**
- Financial Planning
- Share **Experience** and Pitfalls
- Sources of **Funding**

Partnerships

- Practical Action
<http://www.practicalaction.org/>
- Recent joint application to the Big Lottery Fund for Funds to develop joint working Internationally.

Partnerships with others

- **BUILD** – Building Understanding Through International Links for Development
- Government - APPG :
'Connecting Communities'
- **THET** – Tropical Hygiene Education Trust
<http://www.thet.org.uk/>
- **Skillshare International**
<http://www.skillshare.org/>

BUILD – Building Understanding Through International Links for Development

Barriers of misunderstanding can only be broken down when we engage and create partnerships and friendships at the grassroots level

- CIEH could become A Member
- Other members are VSO, Oxfam, Eden project, CISCO
- Dfid, Arup, Skillshare, THET, British Council,
- Fairtrade Foundation, LGA, World Mission, UNESCO

- Problem is an annual fee of £2000

Build – membership opportunity

- Commitment and support of members.
- combined voice of the wide range of member organisations give BUILD the authority and power to stand up and be heard.
- If we believe in the power of international, cross-cultural, community-based partnerships and can make a contribution to this movement of people, we will be welcomed to join.
- Will give access to senior politicians through the all-party parliamentary group "Connecting Communities"



GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

- *The Crisp Report*

*From the 'Commission for Africa' and the **Gleneagles G8 Summit** at the request of then Prime minister Tony Blair: **Lord Crisp** produced this report in 2007*

Some comments:

1. These problems are compounded by poverty and EH problems like lack of clean water and safe disposal of waste.
2. He found a real desire for greater links and partnerships.
3. Strengthening public health, health systems and institutions

GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS 2

Big Issues

- Training and education needed for all types of health staff
- eg Ethiopia: scaling up of community health workers 10 fold in a single year
- Support and motivation for the isolated health facilities in rural areas
- **TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON CURATIVE**
- **NEEDS TO CONSIDER PREVENTION**



Funding - Grants

- **BRITISH COUNCIL** – UNIVERSITY LINKS TO DEVELOP DEGREE COURSES
- **THET** – Tropical Hygiene Education Trust
<http://www.thet.org.uk/>
- **Skillshare International**
<http://www.skillshare.org/>
- **Association of Commonwealth Universities**

Commonwealth Fellowships

- The Association of Commonwealth Universities
- Environmental Health Professionals
- 3 months capacity building spent in the UK
- The last 5 years – Uganda
- Expanded to other Regions from 2007, adding Kenya and Zambia
- This year add Sierra Leone

Twinning -linking- partnerships

- **North West – Zambia**
- **North East – Kenya**
- **East Midlands – Uganda**
- **Wales – Rwanda**
- N Ireland – Tanzania
- London - Jamaica
- Yorkshire & Humberside - Botswana
- West Midlands – Sierra Leone

Meeting of Ugandan Public Health Inspectors Association, May 2002.



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Aims of the partnerships

- Mutual benefits to Members of both Associations
- Assistance to our professional colleagues
- To help improve the quality of life for people in Uganda by assisting the professional development of its Health Professionals
- To increase awareness and understanding of life in a developing country amongst Environmental Health Professionals in the UK

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
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Ugandan Conference 2007



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EHWA of Uganda 2007



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EHO's from UK Present to Conference



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Millennium Development Goals

- **1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**
- **2. Achieve Universal Primary Education**
- **3. Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women**
- **4. Reduce Child Mortality**
- **5. Improve Maternal Health**
- **6. Combat HIV/Aids, Malaria, and other diseases**
- **7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability**
- **8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development**

Visit Africa – get involved STUDY TOURS IN 2009



Water for kids



Water for Kids

- February 13th (17 days) --- UGANDA
- May --- ZAMBIA
- June --- UGANDA

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- Volunteer
- Keep in touch
- Demand involvement
- Involve your colleagues
- Do something yourself
- SEE YOU NEXT TIME-----soon?



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THANKS

Bugamba Water source



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Clean water please



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March 2006 clean water in demand

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Iganga Town Council Offices



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New reception opens



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Maternity Clinic development



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Blind Centre refurbishment



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Newly refurbished Blind Centre



Proud and happy workers



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Blind Centre almost complete



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Zeleha
washes her
hands at
the
Orphanage





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*Thanks
EHP's
For your
HELP*