



Global health: developing leaders

Advocacy in partnership: Bringing voices together

Global health improvements are often brought about by collective voices making powerful cases on specific issues. Advocacy works best in partnership through the joint efforts of individuals and organisations working together across disciplines and countries.

This seminar aims to outline practical examples of collective advocacy relating to global health and show how different voices can be brought together to produce change on a local to global scale.

The **learning objectives** for this forum are:

- to understand the definition and scope of ‘advocacy’ in relation to global health
- to give an overview of the history and evolution of health advocacy
- to present specific examples of advocacy on different levels, from individual to international organisations, and how these can be brought together
- to explore the different methods by which a health professional can advocate for global health in relation to these levels
- to discuss the initiation, maintenance, challenges and pitfalls of successful advocacy campaigns and organisations.

Programme

1800	Welcome	Matthew Foster	RCP
	Introductions	Dr Gareth Lewis	Alma Mata
1810	Speakers	Aaron Oxley	RESULTS UK
		Dr Gabriel Ivbijaro	World Federation of Mental Health
		Dr Ike Anya	Nigerian Public Health Network
1855	Discussion	Dr Gareth Lewis (chair)	Alma Mata
1930	Reception		

Aaron Oxley

Executive director, RESULTS UK

Aaron has been working in International Development for over a decade, primarily in microfinance, building organizations in the developing world to provide the poor with access to financial services including savings, loans and, most recently, three years with MicroEnsure focussing on micro-insurance products including weather indexed crop microinsurance. Originally starting as a volunteer, Aaron has been working with RESULTS for the last 10 years. In 2005 he joined the Board and in 2009 was appointed Executive Director. RESULTS works to empower ordinary people to learn about International Development issues and to become politically active, using their voices as citizens through lobbying and the media to create the public and political will to bring about the end of poverty.

Dr Gabriel Ivbijaro

Regional vice-president for Europe, World Federation of Mental Health

Founder, Working Party on Mental Health, Wonca (World Organisation of Family Doctors)

Gabriel Ivbijaro is a practising family doctor who passionately believes in providing evidence-based interventions with respect and dignity. As a member of Wonca, he has championed the cause of mental health by setting up the Working Party on Mental Health. This international group works to highlight the mental health needs of patients presenting to general practitioners. Dr Ivbijaro has also worked with the World Health Organization to produce the influential Wonca/WHO document *Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: A Global Perspective*. He has provided technical expertise and support for the World Federation for Mental Health, and promotional material for World Mental Health Day. In 2008 he was a member of the WFMH International Experts Forum on Reducing Disparities in Mental Health Services for Ethnic Minorities. Dr Ivbijaro is the Editor in Chief of *Mental Health in Family Medicine*, a journal dedicated to disseminating evidence relevant to primary care mental health in order to improve standards of mental health care globally.

Dr Ike Anya

Co-founder, Nigerian Public Health Network

Co-editor, Nigeria Health Watch

Ike Anya is a consultant in public health medicine at Inner North West London (Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham) PCTs in central London. With his colleague, Chikwe Ihekweazu, he started the blog Nigeria Health Watch (www.nigeriahealthwatch.com) and founded the Nigerian Public Health Network and the TEDxEuston event. An honorary lecturer at Imperial College, he also teaches at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and is on the Advisory Board of Doctors of the World Project: London. A trustee of the Public Health Foundation of Nigeria, he served as Board Member on the Postgraduate Medical Education & Training Board and is a lead partner at the General Medical Council. A TEDGlobal Fellow (2007), he was founding secretary of the Abuja Literary Society and co editor of the Weaverbird Collection of Nigerian Fiction.