

Evidence Aid Newsletter – August 2017

SAVE THE DATE! On 7th November, as part of the Humanitarian Evidence Week (HEW2017), we are offering you the opportunity to attend a day's training to learn all about why systematic reviews are important for the humanitarian sector. We will also update you on our Geneva Evidence Lounge event, and Humanitarian Evidence Week 2017 (HEW2017). Lastly, but not least, we'll share our latest published blog with you from one of our volunteers, Isla Kuhn, showing you how people with different experiences might contribute to Evidence Aid – it might even inspire you to join us, if you haven't already done so!

Evidence Aid training – 7 November 2017 – London, UK



Building on Evidence Aid's successful and popular courses on systematic reviews in a wide variety of settings, Professor Mike Clarke will run this one-day Evidence Aid course on systematic reviews in the context of disasters and the provision of humanitarian aid as part of the HEW2017.

The course will provide learning and practical experience in a small group setting for many aspects of systematic review methods. These include question formulation and eligibility criteria, searching for eligible material, data extraction, analysis, and reporting. Examples relevant to the humanitarian sector will be used to illustrate key points and participants should leave the course feeling more comfortable about using evidence from systematic reviews and other types of research synthesis to help them with decision making.

More information about the course, including the cost and how to register, can be found [here](#). Numbers are limited, given our central London venue, so book your place soon!

Geneva Evidence Lounge – 5 September 2017

Evidence Aid, partnering with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, have received some funding to organise another Evidence Lounge and produce what will hopefully become a key document for the humanitarian sector with the working title 'Better use of evidence in humanitarian action: A Practical Guide'. This is an invitation only event to be held in Geneva, with Swiss and UK organisations and institutions working together to develop the content of the guide. During this event, we will also launch our Evidence Lounge Community of Practice (CoP). We will keep you updated on progress of this exciting new document and the CoP in upcoming newsletters.

Humanitarian Evidence Week 2017 – 6th to 12th November 2017



With our partner, the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, we are working together to co-ordinate a week of events hosted by different organisations and institutions to showcase the use of evidence in the humanitarian sector. This will likely include training, blogs, webinars, café events and discussion forums. You can get involved, or read more about it [here](#).

New blog by Isla Kuhn – "Global and disaster health special interest group: Evidence Aid and me"

Isla writes "In the past few weeks we've been overwhelmed with examples of extraordinary courage from ordinary people. People who have run towards danger, whether it's been their paid role or not. It's truly humbling and inspiring. I don't like to assume that I would be able to act so selflessly (and

hope I never have to put it to the test). These sudden flash points sometimes require an instinctive reaction, as well as a planned and rehearsed response. Natural disasters and epidemics require a slightly different response from those who go to help. Organisations like Medicine sans Frontiers, Doctors of the World, Red Cross and many more have extraordinary teams who come together in times of crisis. The story of Will Pooley might be familiar to you. I know one doctor, with significant experience in emergency medicine, who has gone to virtually every crisis in the past 25 years – from war-torn Sarajevo, to famine-ravaged Sudan, the earthquakes in Nepal and Haiti, as well as the effort to stem the spread of Ebola in Sierra Leone. A highly skilled and highly experienced medic who also sees part of his role to be bearing witness and then advocating for the professionals involved on his return.” You can read Isla’s full blog [here](#).

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With best wishes
The Evidence Aid team
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