

## Evidence Aid newsletter – April 2017

SAVE THE DATES! Between 21 and 23 June 2017, we have exciting new events taking place. We are offering you the opportunity to attend a day's training with an associated (free of charge) workshop taking place the day before with the added bonus of being able to attend the last session of the Evidence Live conference at no extra cost. You might also want to explore the possibility of attending Evidence Live in addition, however, since there are exciting speakers and interesting sessions. See below for a synopsis of each event:

### Evidence Aid training – 23 June 2017

Building on Evidence Aid's successful and popular courses on systematic reviews in a wide variety of settings, Dr Philip Davies will run this one-day Evidence Aid course on research synthesis and (especially) systematic reviews of existing evidence in the context of disasters and the provision of humanitarian aid.

The course will provide learning and practical experience in a small group setting for many aspects of research synthesis and 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, so book your place soon!

### Evidence Aid workshop – 22 June 2017

Evidence-based decision making is now commonplace in most sectors of policy and practice. It helps policy makers and practitioners make better decisions, and achieve better outcomes, by putting existing evidence at the heart of the decision making process. Where there is little or no evidence on the nature of the problem at hand, or on effective ways of responding, this can guide the research community to undertake appropriate research and evaluation to fill these knowledge gaps.

Evidence alone, however, does not tell decision makers what to do. Good decision making involves integrating sound evidence with decision makers' knowledge, skills, experience, expertise and judgement. This workshop will provide participants with a better understanding of what evidence-based decision making is all about, and of how it can be used to make a difference in the humanitarian sector. It will guide participants through different types of evidence, how to access such evidence, and how to overcome the barriers to getting evidence into policy and practice.

The workshop is aimed at people who work in the humanitarian and allied sectors, with the goal of transferring knowledge, skills and experience between participants. Participants will be invited ahead of the workshop to identify what the humanitarian sector needs to know, and what types of evidence would help to people in the sector make better decisions.

**Bonus activity included!** As part of the Evidence Aid and Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (University of Oxford) partnership, we will be offering attendees free access to the last session of the prestigious conference, [Evidence Live](#) which includes a keynote speech by Mukesh Kapila. This is a one off, not to be missed opportunity!

More information about the workshop, including how to register, can be found [here](#). Numbers are limited, so book your place soon!

**Evidence Live – 21 and 22 June 2017**

[Evidence Live 2017](#) has a theme of developing, disseminating and implementing better evidence for better healthcare. It looks to orchestrate change in global healthcare and invites you to contribute to the manifesto themes. The speakers are varied and include individuals such as Mukesh Kapila (University of Manchester), Ben Goldacre (University of Oxford), Marie Lindquist (Uppsala Monitoring Centre) and Fergal O'Regan (European Ombudsman). Evidence Aid will be exhibiting at the conference and we hope you will take the opportunity to take part in these three events over the three consecutive days.

Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let Jane Higgins ([jhiggins@evidenceaid.org](mailto:jhiggins@evidenceaid.org)) know if they would like to receive it directly in the future, so that we can add them to the distribution list.

We hope you've found this bulletin to be informative and helpful. If you would prefer not receive further bulletins, please let us know.

With best wishes

The Evidence Aid team

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