



LAPH-Research Network (London North & Thames)

2 May 2023 12:30-1:45pm (zoom)

Attendees: Muhammed Afolabi, Sara Bainbridge, Gary Bellamy, Emma DeZoete, Shamini Gnani, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Ayanna Griffith, Emily Humphreys, Dalya Marks, David Osborn, Santiago Ripoll, Arti Sharma, Helen Skirrow, Lucy Thompsom, Andrew Trathen, Simon Twite, Maddy Gupta-Wright, Jennifer Yip.

Chairs: Leonora Weil, Jessica Sheringham

Secretariat: Kim Airey

1. Executive Group

General points:

- Chair Somen Banerjee
- Agreed PH/LA nexus sit at the heart of our network.
- Areas highlighted to explore further; career pathways for public health specialists with an interest in research, role of the group in identifying research gaps across London, potential funding for academic qualifications, highlighting involvement opportunities and mentorship/buddying schemes.

Discussion:

- Matt Egan – if there is funding/resource available is a great benefit for conducting network research.
- Emma DeZoete – helpful to use the networks that are in existence for any overlap.
- Simon Twite – purpose of network is multi-level, networking with individuals wouldn't normally, provide connections and oversight across London.

2. LAPHRN Conference

Background: JS and shared an outline for an LAPHR conference for:

- Platform to support junior research
- showcasing the range of applied research and evaluation across London and North Thames
- developing opportunities for collaboration across London and North Thames
- building networks

Member feedback in the meeting suggested general support for a conference and enthusiasm to attend/present.

Suggestions for session/s format included:

- Keynote speech (Kevin Fenton)
- Panel discussion on applied research for London
- Member presentation to share findings and recent research
- Poster sessions



- Workshops which could include: HDRC's, community engagement, journey from research to influencing policy and identifying possible research collaborations e.g housing.

Discussion:

- Explore possibility of hybrid conference.
- Pull in attendees from residences in the areas across London, and communities that would like to engage.
- Don't use the word research in the conference perhaps 'learning culture/eco system', not all 'research' is neatly packaged in a discreet study but having a research input into live issues at the time can be the most beneficial approach.
- For research translation/knowledge mobilisation make available tools and also signposting.
- Workshop on bringing together HDRC's to share learnings.
- Specific topic themes/strands could attract a broad base of people especially those who do not have a strictly research/academic function.
- Frameworks UK and Health Foundation suggested as possible partners.

Action: contact Kim if you are interested in taking an active role in planning the conference.

3. Idea planning surgeries

Background: informal discussions led by members who have research in progress, research they are looking to expand or priorities that might benefit from research or evaluation. Nothing has to be fully formed – but do share some information about the problem in advance and come with open discussion questions and collaboration to be raised.

Topics discussed:

- 'The Living Roots Project': Building a community asset and research consortium in Ealing, West London to address health equity. UKRI Arts and Humanities Research Council funded. Santiago Ripoll and Maddy Gupta-Wright.
- Evaluation of heat guidance for rough sleepers in London. Sara Bainbridge and Emma DeZoete.

Please see the briefing documents re-attached for background.

AOB: JS highlighted hunger in secondary schools, anyone happy to collaborate and share learning on that.

ACTION: Please notify Kim of any topics you would like to bring to a future planning surgery.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd July 2:00 – 3:30 <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/96738969475>

Previous meeting notes: All previous notes can be found on the ARC North Thames Website: <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/get-involved/providers-and-commissioners/>

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