

Friends of MSF: Sustainability and Climate Change Conference

25th January 2020

Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's Campus, King's College London, Great Maze Pond, London

Small-Group Sessions:

- **Climate Change and Health: A Publication by Lancet (Countdown) and MSF – Dr Robert Verrecchia**

- o “There is a significant overlap between populations serviced by humanitarian actors and those most vulnerable to the health effects of climate change.” - Countdown Report, 2018.

Dr Robert Verrecchia will provide an overview of the climate change emergency and a summary of climate change's effect on the aid field.

- **Training to Advocate – Dr Emmanouil Athanasiou**

- o In a world overwhelmed with information, how do we speak out about important issues?

Dr Emmanouil Athanasiou, a humanitarian affairs officer and advocate, will teach you how to address persuasively and concisely. The Training to Advocate small-group session is suitable for all disciplines and aims to help you learn how to debate.

- **Can You Diagnose Patients in French? – University College London Friends of MSF**

- o MSF works in many French-speaking countries. Therefore, there is a high demand for field workers who speak the language.

In "Could you Diagnose a Patient in French?", delegates will be challenged to diagnose French-speaking patients with mysterious diseases. Delegates will be helped by a translation and diagnostic guidebooks.

- **Frugal Innovation Hackathon – Imperial College London Friends of MSF**

- o Do you know what it takes to innovate the humanitarian aid field?

Humanitarians face many problems in the field. Organisations like MSF often face issues relating to the suitability of available equipment, logistical issues in bringing in new resources, as well as weaknesses relating to dependencies on other resources such as energy.

This crash-course hackathon aims to put delegates in the shoes of a humanitarian innovator. Delegates will work within teams to think like MSF and will then come up with an idea, exploring with facilitators how this might (or might not) help to improve aid delivery.

Certificates will be awarded to the top-performing teams.

- **Electives – That Medic (Dr Mohammad Farwana)**

- o The first step in getting a career in international aid work is gaining experience working abroad in a foreign, low resource environment. For many, that opportunity is taken during an elective during medical school. In this talk, King's Graduate and YouTuber (That Medic) Dr Farwana, will be speaking about his time in Khayelitsha and what to expect to gain from an elective period abroad.