



Webinar: Voices from the Pandemic: COVID-19 experiences in Asia

Agenda

Date: Thursday 22nd September 2022

Time: 13:00 – 14:30 GMT+1 (19:00 ICT, 14:00 SAST)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
13:00 - 13:10	Welcome and Introductions	Dr Mary Chambers , Head of Public Engagement at the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit and Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programme in Vietnam
13:10 – 13:25	Introducing the COVID-19 Digital Diaries project	<p>Mary Chambers has been in Vietnam for over 20 years, and in Southeast Asia for most of her life. She has a background in medical entomology, working on transmission dynamics of vector borne diseases. Since 2010 she has developed a public and community engagement programme to support OUCRU’s research teams in Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia. The PCE teams deliver a diverse portfolio of engagement projects with a range of communities including schoolchildren, farmers, healthcare workers and patients in clinical research trials. Mary’s personal interests lie in using participatory art and film to amplify community voices and bring them into conversations about health and biomedical research.</p> <p>Yen Hoang Nguyen is a Media & Communications Coordinator at the Public Engagement Department in the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Vietnam. She has worked on patient focused projects that have highlighted patient needs and helped develop more accessible health communication material. Recently she spearheaded public media projects like the COVID19 Digital Diaries and the “I’m Vaccinated” campaign in Vietnam, which were influential in supporting key public health movements. Yen graduated with a BSc of Design in Digital Media and has recently been awarded a Chevening scholarship to study for a MSc in Media, Campaigning and Social Change at the University of Westminster. Her vision is to apply her creative skills to bettering her community by designing promotional media and finding ways of positively influencing marginalised communities.</p>



13:25 – 13:45	Reflection on participatory visual methods in community engagement	<p>Gill Black is a researcher, community engagement practitioner and co-director at the Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation (SLF-http://livelihoods.org.za/) South Africa. Gill has a background in TB and HIV immunology. Her career as a field-based medical scientist, and interactions with research participants in diverse settings, ignited Gill’s interest in social science and inspired her to co-found SLF in 2010. Gill now works to engage people living in marginalized settings about the public health challenges and medical research activities that most affect their lives. Through her community engagement work, Gill has gained extensive experience in a range of participatory visual methods (PVM) which she has also used to undertake action research. Gill has co-written multiple publications on the ethics of working with visual methodologies.</p>
13:45	Creative collaboration and the community realities	<p>Dinesh Deokota is a public engagement practitioner who uses forms like films, photography, art and drama to communicate messages that are relevant to communities in Nepal. His background is in documentary filmmaking and has over the years worked in various productions and has picked up an award or two along the way.</p> <p>His public engagement work has seen him address subjects related to human rights, health challenges and social matters that hold communities back in Nepal.</p>
13:55	Interactive session with discussion and Q&A	
14:20	Engaged research	<p>Guy Thwaites has been Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU) since 2013. He leads OUCRU’s teams situated across Vietnam, Indonesia and Nepal to realise its vision to have local, regional and global impact on health by leading a locally driven research programme on infectious diseases in Southeast Asia. To this end he has prioritised integrated community and policy engagement. Guy’s research interests focus on the management of severe bacterial infections, especially those involving the central nervous system. He sits on advisory boards for the WHO and the Australian and UK governments. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in the UK in 2018.</p>
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