



Join The Network (JTN) Meeting minutes (Nov 2023)

During the EPH 23 conference, the CAPH section hosted a Join The Network meeting

Professor Sonia Saxena (CAPH President,SS), Chair

Presenters

Dr John Gannon (CAPH committee, JG)

Karin Boode (CAPH committee, KB)

Participants

CAPH steering committee members:

Professor Julia Dratva (CAPH Vice President, JD)

Dr Danielle Jansen (emeritus CAPH President, DJ)

And 20 delegates from EPH 23 across countries and regions beyond Europe including Taiwan, Kenya

Agenda



Child and Adolescent Public Health

Join the network meeting Agenda

- Welcome to the CAPH network Prof Sonia Saxena, President CAPH
- Climate change & child health Peter van den Hazel, Environmental Health Physician
- Policy, professional & public health action Dr John Gannon, Paediatrician
- What action can we take now? Breakout session and discussion, All

*Thursday 9th Nov 2023 12:50 – 13:50 CET
Wicklow Hall 2a, Dublin convention centre

Join The Network Meeting Hosted by EUPHA Child and adolescent health section committee

Summary

SS welcomed and introduced the CAPH Section committee, our mission and action plan and invited all attendees to join the network and outlined various ways they could be involved in the activities of CAPH including the 'Call to action working group' led by Dr Julia Dratva, main events including the conferences and contributing to newsletters sent to our 3500 + members.

The rest of the session was focused on a prioritised session to consider Addressing Climate Change and its impacts on Children and Young People's Health.

- Dr Peter van den Hazel, Environmental Health Physician set the scene
- Dr John Gannon presented examples of public health (community led, health professional and policy) actions to mitigate the effects and impacts of climate change on children's health



There were 3 breakout groups considering the actions that could be taken with immediate effect to protect health of children from harms of climate change. Each group allocated a rapporteur to summarise and feedback from discussion and list key actions:

Public, health professional and policy actions

Policy actions

- Improve waste management regulation and prevention of pollution of drinking water sources.
- Adjust financial incentives to reward companies who make greener decisions and who prioritise child health in decisions.
- Checklist and (smart) action planning: make it easy for policymakers on what to do, how and if possible, who.
- Develop evidence and create clear messages for policymakers.

Public health professional actions

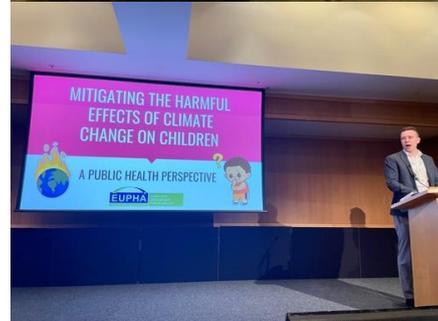
- Increase research by healthcare professionals and scientists on the effects of climate change on children,
- Campaign for greater awareness of climate change impacts
- Translate research results into clear messages for the policymakers and to exert pressure on policymakers to take action.
- Get policy makers and local and regional decision makers to address conditions and surroundings to cater for child health (addressing climate changes)
- Health in all Policies approach to strengthen child environmental and climate health issues.
- Develop a child health impact assessments (JD will take this forward for potential next step being to focus on this with call to action working group)

Public health professional actions

- Increase research by healthcare professionals and scientists on the effects of climate change on children, to raise more awareness of the issue, and to put more pressure on policymakers.

Raise public awareness and climate activism

- Education; introduce lessons at school about climate change and the consequences.
- Increase campaigning and messaging to motivate citizens to consider the health of children in the choices they make which affect the environment.





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Front JG, SS KB, JD

Back DJ, Michal Molcho (Ireland), Peter van den Hazel