

Public health ethics and law network

Ethics, values and law for good public health policy and practice



One Planet, One People, One Health

18th June 2025

Council Chamber

Royal College of Physicians

11 St Andrews Place

Regent's Park

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Programme

10.00 - Registration and networking

10.30 – **Welcome** – Professor Tracey Daszkiewicz, President-elect of the Faculty of public health

Opening – Professor John Middleton - President-elect of the Global Network for Academic Public Health

Introduction – Dr Farhang Tahzib - Convenor Public health ethics and law network

Who we are, what we do, how we should do it

10.50 – **Mission and mandate of public health** – Professor John Coggon, Professor of Law at the Centre for Health law and society, University of Bristol.

Solidarity in a world in turmoil - Professor Barbara Prainsack - *Chair - European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE); Professor for Comparative Policy Analysis, University of Vienna*

Ethics, values and LEGS for good policy and practice– Professor Joseph Mfutso-Bengo, Professor of Bioethics and Director, Health Systems and Policy Unit (HEPU), Kamuzu University of Health Sciences. Malawi

Moral Distress and injury of public health workforce – Dr Deborah Morris, Director Centre for Developmental and Complex Trauma, St Andrews Healthcare, UK

Discussion and reflections

Professionalisation of public health workforce and institutions

12.00 **WHO/ASPHER Roadmap to professionalizing the public health workforce and public health ethics and law** - Professor Kasia Czabanowski – Professor of public health leadership and workforce development, University of Maastricht.

Creating Code of ethics and professional Conduct for public health professionals and institutions - Professor Jim Thomas - Emeritus Professor of Public Health, University of North Carolina, USA

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch and networking**

Building ethicolegal competence and capacity

14.00 – Institutional and Country case studies and projects

The Code of Practice for National Public Health Institutions (NPHIs) - Professor Neil Squires, Secretary General, International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI)

Good Public Health Practice Framework - Dr Ellis Friedman, Registrar, UK Faculty of Public health

Public Health Ethics for Action, Care, and Social Observation ([ESPACyOS](#)) - Professor Miguel Ángel Royo Bordonada, Professor of Public health, Institute of Health Carlos III, Spain

Health peace practitioners project - Dr Rachel Handley, Consultant in public health and Chair Yemen Special interest group; Dr Sara Lavina Brair, Consultant in public health, Senior Country representative, the Carter Centre, Sudan. Dr Ruslan Savchuk, Head of the All-Ukrainian Association of Public Health Specialists.

Discussion and reflection

Education and Training

15.00 – Law and ethics for climate action programme – Dr Camille Huser, Co Chair, European Network on Climate and Health Education (ENCHE), University of Glasgow

Building ethico-legal competence and capacity of public health workforce and institutions - Panel discussion

Professor Mary Codd - Associate Professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at University College Dublin and Lead of the ASPHER Core Curriculum Programme for Public Health

Professor Peter Schröder-Bäck, Professor of ethics, University of Applied Sciences for Police and Public Administration in North Rhine-Westphalia.

David Patterson, Faculty of Law, University of Groningen.

Discussion and consultation

16.00 – Developing a community of learning, collaboration and practice to advance the agenda: Reflection, consultation and agreement on outputs and next steps

17.00 – Close

“Peace is the best medicine, ... without peace
there can be no health”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, 2024

A branch of the olive
tree has been a
universal symbol of
peace and friendship for
thousands of years, with
origins in ancient Greek
mythology.



A plaque and olive plant
in the Royal College of
Physicians medicinal
garden mark the 18th
June 2025 meeting.