There has been a lot going on in the last couple of months in the Section of Public Health and lots to celebrate. Mark Strong, the Director for the Section of Public Health would like to extend his congratulations to all staff and students in Public Health on their achievements. Here are some highlights.

Awards & Achievements

**Noura Abouammoh** on passing her PhD viva with minor corrections.

**Robert Akparibo** on the award of his PhD from the University of Sheffield.

**Robert Akparibo** on receiving financial support from the British Council UK to participate in the one-week researcher link training programme at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The purpose of the training was to enhance knowledge and capacity of researchers from the UK and Mexico on complex evaluation methodologies to be able to take lead roles in developing and conducting evaluations of complex interventions and to foster future collaborations between the two countries.

**Paul Bissell** delivering a plenary at the British Sociological Association (BSA) Conference held in Glasgow on 16 April entitled "Public Health, Neoliberalism and Health Inequalities."

**Sarah Barnes** on becoming a Member of the Yorkshire and Humber Research for Patient Benefits (RfPB) Advisory Committee.

**Mark Green**’s début on national live radio on 18 April talking about his latest paper based on data from the Yorkshire Cohort exploring subgroups of people who are obese.

**Janet Harris** on the award of a 3 year NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowship Award, starting in June 2015, to undertake “Knowledge Brokering in Sheffield: Commissioning Community Organisations to address the health and wellbeing agenda.” The award is for approx £247k.

**John Holmes (Public Health) and Colin Angus (HEDS)** invited to give oral evidence to the Irish parliament’s Joint Committee on Children and Health on 12 March about minimum unit pricing and other issues related to the Irish Government’s forthcoming alcohol bill.

**Jessica Li** on winning a Think Ahead SURE application to supervise an undergraduate student for 8 weeks to work on an alcohol project related to the media’s coverage of drinking during pregnancy, starting in June 2015 and also successfully being awarded the Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation scholarship which will provide the student with £2000 (£250 per week) for the duration of the project.

**Kelly Mackenzie** on the award of a one year full time fellowship funded by Health Education England, starting 20 April 2015. This will allow Kelly to work on a range of topics in ScHARR, and to write a doctoral fellowship bid.
Grants Won

Robert Akparibo (Lead PI), Andrew Lee (Co-PI), Andrew Booth, Janet Harris, Michelle Holdsworth and Helen Buckley Woods: £46,006 from OXFAM GB to undertake a one year systematic review of evidence to determine effectiveness of interventions to address severe acute malnutrition in children under age five years in humanitarian/relief emergency context, starting 1 July 2015.

Sarah Salway: a member of the research team that has recently been awarded a Can$1 million grant under the Canadian Innovating for Maternal and Child Health programme. In collaboration with University of Alberta (PI Zubia Mumtaz) and colleagues in Malawi she will be undertaking an implementation study entitled Improving the Standards Based Management–Recognition Initiative to provide high quality, equitable maternal health services in Malawi.

Publications


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