



Women United: The RCOG celebrates the International Day of Action for Women's Health'

Tuesday 28 May 2019 - International Day of Action for Women's Health

16:00-20:00

Lecture Theatre, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
27 Sussex Place, Regents Park, London, NW1 4RG

Please register at reception.

Overview

Introduction

Women United is a medical documentary film forum that showcases a diverse selection of international short films, all in the topic of gender-based violence, FGM and gender discrimination. With this event, the RCOG marks the International Day of Action for Women's Health and seeks to start a dialog on the benefits of bridging art and science to raise awareness of some of the most devastating impacts on women's health and wellbeing. Film segments will be introduced by an expert panel of artists and medical professionals.

Why attend?

- Network and meet thought leaders.
- Engage with an expert panel of artists, advocates and medical experts.
- Support the International Day of Action for Women's Health.
- Exclusive screenings of some of the most relevant international short films.

Who should attend?

- O&G trainees
- Global Health trainees
- Women's health professionals
- General public

Organizing Committee:

- Hassan Shehata, RCOG International Council Representative for MENA & Gulf
- Dr Khalid Ali, Senior Lecturer in Geriatrics (Brighton and Sussex Medical School)
- Emma Parnham, RCOG Project Administrator, Centre for Women's Global Health
- Agnes Raboczki, RCOG Membership Engagement Coordinator

Topics of interest:

- Gender-based violence
 - FGM
 - Gender-based discrimination
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Event fees

	Admission Fee (incl. all screenings and refreshments)
Standard Guest	£25*

***All proceedings will go to FORWARD in support of their commitment to gender equality and safeguarding the rights of African girls and women.**

How to book

To book, please first log into the RCOG website. You must be logged in to book. The event is listed and bookable under the section "Courses, exams and events".

Program

Time		Topics
15:30-16:00		Registration
16:00-16:05		Welcome by Mr Hassan Shehata
16:05-16:10		Introduction by RCOG President, Prof Lesley Regan
16:20-17:00	I	Women's Resilience, Hope and Empowerment - Panel: Prof Mala Rao, Ms Alison Wright, Ms Rhona Hughes
	1.	AMA (France) – directed by Julie Gautier
17:00-17:15		Keynote Speaker: TBC
17:15-17:35		Coffee Break (Lower Atrium)
17:35-18:15	II	FGM - Panel: Ms Nahid Tobia, Ms Naana Otoo Oyortey, Ms Janet Fyle
	1.	Turning 10 (Egypt) - directed by Jaylan Abu Auf, Houda Echouafni
	2.	Silent Scream (UK) – Integrate Bristol
18:15-18:55	III	Women and children in war - Panel: Mr Matt Jackson, Dr Ayesha Ahmed, Dr Arianne Shahvisi
	1.	Fighting stigma against survivors of conflict related sexual violence (Bosnia) - UNFPA
	2.	Mare Nostrum (Syria, France) – directed by Rana Kazkaz, Anas Khalaf
18:55-19:35	IV	Domestic Violence - Panel: Dr Khalid Ali, Ms Neelam Sarkaria, Miss Heather Brown,
	1.	Animal (UAE) - directed by Nayla Al-khaja- Nayla
	2.	Gypsy's kiss (UK) - directed by Paul Murphy

19:35-19:40		Closing Remarks – Mr Hassan Shehata
19:40-20:30		Networking, wine, canapes

Speaker List

- **Professor Lesley Regan**, President of the RCOG and Head of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Deputy Head of Surgery and Cancer at Imperial College London. She is also co-director of the UK's Baby Bio Bank (BBB); a pregnancy tissue archive which will underpin future translational research into the major complications of pregnancy.
- **Mr Hassan Shehata**, RCOG International Council Representative for MENA & Gulf, UK based Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and a subspecialist in Maternal Medicine at Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust
- **Professor Mala Rao** OBE MSc MBBS PhD Hon FFSRH, Senior Clinical Fellow at Imperial and Medical Adviser for Workforce Race Equality Strategy Implementation Team, NHS England.
- **Ms Alison Wright**, RCOG Vice President for UK and Global Membership and Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the Royal Free Teaching Hospital in London.
- **Ms Nahid Toubia**, Sudanese surgeon and women's health rights activist, specializing in research into female genital mutilation. Co-founder and director of RAINBO, the Research, Action and Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women.
- **Mr Matthew Jackson**, UK Director of UNFPA – the United Nation's Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency.
- **Dr Ayesha Ahmad**, lecturer in Global Health specialising in mental health and gender-based violence during conflict.
- **Ms Neelam Sarkaria**, Independent criminal justice consultant with specific expertise in harmful traditional practices. She also sits as a fee-paid Tribunal Judge on social security cases and sits on professional conduct hearings for the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).
- **Dr Khalid Ali**, senior lecturer in Geriatrics and stroke medicine in Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and ageing specialty research lead in Kent, Surrey and Sussex Clinical Research Network.
- **Miss Heather Brown**, consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Deputy Medical Director at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust.
- **Dr Arianne Shahvisi**, lecturer in Ethics and Medical Humanities in Brighton and Sussex Medical School.
- **Ms Rhona Hughes**, RCOG International Council Representative for Sub-Saharan Africa and consultant obstetrician at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

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