Dear Colleague

Improving Global Health through Leadership Development

Following a very successful start to the programme, NESC is now commencing recruitment again for this innovative and exciting programme. We are entering the second year of our successful partnership with the Maddox Jolie Pitt Foundation in Cambodia and Phase 2 of a similar programme based in Tanzania, working with the United Nations Development Project team (UNDP).

The programme provides a unique educational experience. Participants have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the application of quality improvement methods, developing a transferable skill set applicable to working within the NHS. At the same time participants also contribute in a sustainable way to the health needs of the local area, concentrating on achieving the millennium development goals for health.

Please will you cascade this invitation to eligible candidates for consideration. We are especially keen to hear from professionals with some experience of working in maternal and/or child health and/or any experience of working in community settings.

Further details of the programme, person specification, application form and supporting information can be found at www.nesc.nhs.uk using the link on the home page to “Improving Global Health”.

As a minimum, doctors must be employed on an ST3 grade post and others on Agenda for Change band 6 post, and be able to spend between three and six months out on placement.

Individuals must have sought, and obtained agreement and support from their employer to participate on the programme. Full details of responsibilities of both the employee and employer are available in the “Letter of Commitment” document also on the website.

1st December 2009
It is anticipated that Fellows will be on placement any time from April 2010. Interviews will be held on Friday 15th January 2010. The deadline for the receipt of applications is 4th January 2010. Short-listed candidates will be informed by email by Friday 8th January 2010.

Please send completed application forms with CV to: Margaret Cameron, Project Administrator, NESC, Southern House, Otterbourne, Winchester SO23 2RU.

If you wish to discuss the project further, please email improvingglobalhealth@nesc.nhs.uk

It would be greatly appreciated if some organisations were willing to contribute towards some of the costs associated with this programme, such as contribution to salary.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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