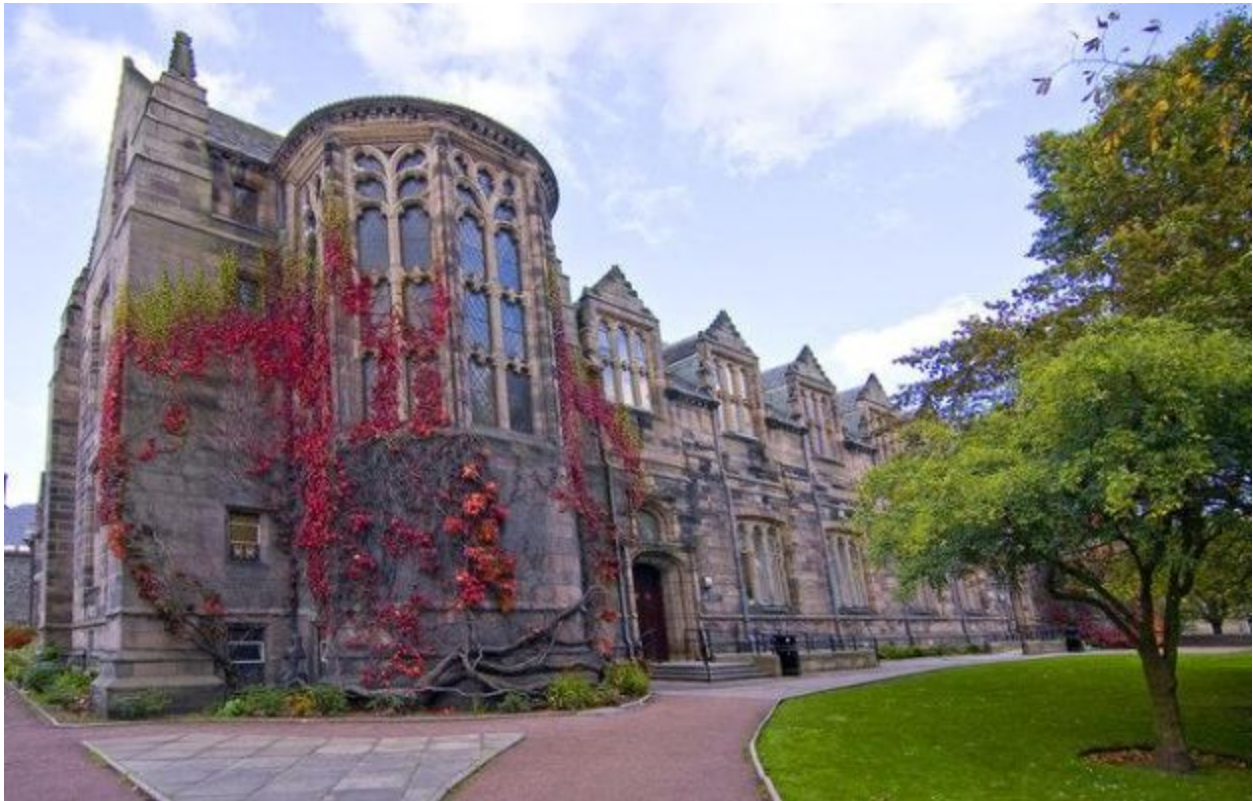


# Aberdeen GHC 2018

# Pre-Conference Booklet



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Students for Global Health Aberdeen

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**DRUGS:**  
OUR DAILY MED  
**ABERDEEN**

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# Introduction

Students for Global Health (previously known as Medsin) is a national student-led network and charity focusing on global and local health issues and inequalities through education, advocacy and community action. We have branches in almost 30 universities throughout the UK and hundreds of members as a result.

As part of our work, we organise at least four national events every year, including two general assemblies and two conferences. These are held all over the country, and we welcome all students to attend, whether or not you have ever heard of Students for Global Health.

This year, Aberdeen are delighted to be hosting, for the very first time, a national conference, focusing on '*Drugs: Our Daily Med*'. At this conference we will be discussing three topics: 'Illegal Drug Policy', 'Big Pharma' and 'Access to Medications'.

There is also so much to gain from attending our conference; getting hands-on in our plenaries and workshops, having a whale of a time at the social held on Saturday evening or exploring the delights of North East Scotland. If you still haven't made up your mind, we have provided this pre-conference booklet to give you with a flavour of what to expect.

# Timetable

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
09:00-09:30	Registration & Breakfast		
10:00	Introduction	09:30-10:00	Registration & Breakfast
10:15	Plenary 1: Illegal Drug Policy	10:00	Plenary 3: Access to Meds
11:45	Coffee Time	11:30	Coffee Time
12:00	Workshops	12:00	Skills Training
13:30	Lunch	13:30	Lunch
14:15	Plenary 2: Big Pharma	14:00	"Moving Forward..."
15:45	Coffee Time	15:30	Close
16:00	Workshops		
17:30	Close		
19:00	Social		

If you have any questions about our timetable, or would like to find out more about what will be happening at our conference please feel free to contact us at [ghc18.sfgh@gmail.com](mailto:ghc18.sfgh@gmail.com).

# Speakers

We are delighted to welcome some fantastic speakers to our conference, and from a variety of disciplines. Look out for our speaker announcements over the coming weeks to find out more about each speaker below.

## Illegal Drug Policy

- **Allan Griffiths** - Representative of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), an international network of students advocating for drug policy reform and harm reduction strategies
- **Steve Moore** - Director of Volteface, a policy innovation hub that explores alternatives to current public policies relating to drugs.
- **Kirstie Douse** - Head of Legal Services at Release, a national centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law

## Big Pharma

- **Dr Malcolm Kendrick** - GP in Cheshire, Author of The Great Cholesterol Con and Doctoring Data.
- **Dr David Healy** - Professor of Psychiatry, psychopharmacologist, scientist, and author of Pharmageddon.
- **Manuel Martin** - European Coordinator of UAEM, active in national and international policy arenas tackling access to medicines and alternative approaches to R&D.

## Access to Medicines

- **Prof Wendy Graham** - Chief Scientific Advisor of the Soapbox Collaborative, Honorary professor at the LSHTM.
- **Dr Ian Gould** - Consultant Microbiologist at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, previous advisor on antibiotic resistance and prescribing to the Scottish and UK Departments of Health, EC and WHO.
- **Diarmaid McDonald** - organiser at Just Treatment, dedicated to break the monopoly on unfairly priced medicines in the UK and advocating full transparency of the pharmaceutical industry.



Aberdeen Beach

# Workshops

We have some amazing workshops lined up for you, and this is only a sample.... Stay tuned to find out more!



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# Campaigns

Campaigns run alongside the topics of the conference and aim to show delegates how they can take the knowledge they have gained and use it to advocate for the change they want to see in the world.

We will have three campaigns running during our conference;

- Global Access Awareness, with UAEM
- Harm Reduction, with SSDP
- A food drive, for local foodbank run by the Trussell Trust.

**All local profits from the conference will also be donated to the foodbank run by the Trussell Trust.**

# Conference Fair

We will also have a fair running over the two days of our conference. This is a great opportunity to chat to some of the organisations involved in the conference and to find out more about them. It is also a chance to find out more about Students for Global Health.



# Catering and Accommodation

You'll be pleased to hear that both food (Breakfast & Lunch) and accommodation is provided within the cost of the conference ticket.

- You will have the opportunity to list any allergies or dietary requirements when you buy a ticket.
- If you do require accommodation you will be hosted with some lovely students here in Aberdeen. We aim to host you with people you know, say from the same area, but you can also request to be hosted with other people you know are coming to the conference.

## Social

A conference would not be complete without a social on Saturday night, and a Scottish social would not be complete without a ceilidh. So why not buy a social ticket, which includes dinner and a ceilidh, for a bargain price.\*

\*Remember to pack those dancing shoes.

# What do you need to do?

Here is a checklist to help you get everything ready for the conference:

- Buy a ticket to the conference
- Get your friends to buy tickets
- Arrange travel to Aberdeen
- Stay up-to-date through our Facebook event
- Look out for the Workshop & Training form
- Get excited!!

We are so looking forward to seeing you in Aberdeen and, together, learning about how medications and drugs interact with our daily lives. As said, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our job is to make sure that you have a fantastic experience and we will do everything we can to make that a reality. See you soon, Aberdeen Conference Committee