

1st & 2nd

Annual International courses



(2012 course participants)



(2013 course participants)

in collaboration with



Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley 

Application guidance

(Please read the instructions before completing the application form)

1. All participants have to fill the application form.
2. Please submit a updated CV along with the completed application before 30th November 2014.
3. Applications without an accompanying CV will not be considered.

Acceptance will not be confirmed until course fees are paid. Please refer to payment instructions. Late cancellations will be charged 50% of course fee.

Payment instructions

Institution Name: Institute for Research & Development

Institution address: No393/3, Lily Avenue,
Off Robert Gunawardena
Mawatha, Battaramulla,
10120, Sri Lanka.

Bank name & address: Bank of Ceylon,
Main Street,
Battaramulla,10120
Sri Lanka.

For Sri Lankan participants: 10,000 LKR
Account number: 0004153763
(Current Account)

For Foreign participants: 500USD
1200 USD
(with accommodation)

Account number: 0005974137 (NRFC)
Payment Method: Wire transfer or bank draft
Swift Code: BCEYLK LX

3rd Annual International course

Qualitative Methods for Health and Social Care Re- search

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th

December 2014

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Staff Development Centre
Faculty of Medicine
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Qualitative Methods for Health and Social Care Research

Course objectives

This course is organized by Institute for Research & Development in collaboration with Institute of Public Health at the University of Cambridge, Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London, South Asian Hub for Advocacy, Research & Education on Mental Health (SHARE) and Faculty of Medical Science, Anglia Ruskin University as part of a global research capacity building initiative for young researchers. Following the successful courses conducted in 2012 and 2013, the course will be held for the third consecutive time in 2014 as an annual event for researchers from Sri Lanka, the wider South Asian region, and any other part of the world, to gain theoretical knowledge and practical training in qualitative research methods. The previous courses held in 2012 and 2013 hosted more than 25 participants in each intake including medical professionals, allied health professionals, NGO workers and other health and social care researchers.

Course participants

The course is suitable for all levels of health and social care researchers interested in conducting qualitative research but lacking adequate theoretical knowledge and practical training in the subject. However, people from other disciplines (Medicine, Anthropology, Biology, Education and more) are also encouraged to take part in the course to further their skills on how to work in a multi-disciplinary research environment and share their experiences. Main expected course outcomes for participants include: ability to develop qualitative research proposals for funding applications, involvement of peer-review process through post-course support groups, receiving hands-on experience of qualitative research design and analysis, and contributing to capacity building in their respective organizations using the knowledge gained from the course.



Dr. Tine Van Bortel
(MA, MSc, MPhil, PhD)
Institute of Public Health,
University of Cambridge

Tine has an interdisciplinary background in qualitative social sciences & health, medical humanities, cultural studies, global health & development and a UNICEF certificate in global child health & wellbeing. She undertook her multidisciplinary education and training at the Universities of Leuven (Belgium), Ghent (Belgium), Glasgow (UK) and King's College London (UK). Currently she is a Senior Research Associate at the Institute of Public Health at the University of Cambridge and an Assistant Professor in Global Health at the University of Notre Dame in England (UK). Tine researches and teaches into Global Public Health & Social Care and Global Health & Development.



Dr. Chesmal Siriwardhana (MD, MSc)
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Dr Chesmal Siriwardhana is medical doctor by training and currently a Senior Lecturer in Public Health at the Faculty of Medical Science, Anglia Ruskin University. He is also affiliated with centre for Global Mental Health at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. He is a former Wellcome Trust Fellow in Tropical Medicine and Public Health. His research interests are in migration mental health, resilience research, bioethics and disaster research ethics. He is also an accredited science journalist and is the deputy editor of 'Gaveshana - Explorer' journal published by IRD. Dr. Siriwardhana is a guest lecturer in global health at the University of Cambridge and the King's Centre for Global Health.



Dr Godwin Kodituwakku
(BEd, MA(Ed), PhD)
Former Director - Research & Department
National Institute of Education
Chairman - Institute for Research and
Development, Sri Lanka

Dr Godwin has conducted extensive research mainly related to education in Sri Lanka. He was the former Director, R & D at the National Institute of Education in Sri Lanka, and has 25 years of experience in planning, coordinating and

conducting policy research for the Ministry of Education. Furthermore, he has developed research courses for teachers and educational personnel in Sri Lanka, and has conducted lectures for Maldivian teachers following Bachelor of Education course in Sri Lanka. Dr Godwin has written several books, and was awarded a best case study prize by UNESCO APCEIU, Seoul, Korea in 2006.



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Dr. Ponnampereuma is a Senior Lecturer in Medical Education at University of Colombo, and currently serves as the Human Resources Development Manager for the Ministry of Higher Education. As a medical educator he has conducted many international and national workshops, invited guest speeches, and consultancies. He has authored over 20 international peer-reviewed journal publications, and more than 5 books and book chapters. A peer reviewer for many international journals, he serves on two Editorial Boards of international journals; Medical Education Online and BMC Medical Education. He is a postgraduate tutor and resource material developer for many national and international postgraduate teaching and learning programmes, thesis supervisor and an examiner for both Masters and Doctoral level study programs.



Anna Chiumento
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Anna Chiumento is a UK Economic and Social Research Council funded PhD Researcher at the University of Liverpool. Her PhD research follows a specialist interest in the ethical issues that arise when conducting mental health research with post-conflict populations, combining a background in human rights with a particular interest in meeting the mental health needs of populations affected by humanitarian emergencies. In addition Anna Chiumento is involved in teaching a comprehensive 2 year SHARE training programme Mental Health Services Research in Humanitarian Contexts, consults on a project spearheaded by the WHO, and is an active member of the UN Inter Agency Standing Committee on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Emergencies.