

## Tehseen Khan



Tehseen graduated from Sheffield Medical School in 2008 and completed a GP training programme in 2013. Currently he is a Population Health Improvement Fellow at Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in London. This involves a mixture of clinical general practice, studying for a Masters in Public Health and working on a project with local stakeholders to improve population health in Lambeth. His project at the CCG aims to increase the uptake of the NHS Health Check programme in Lambeth, with the aim of maximising its benefits in reducing cardiovascular disease and diabetes. During his Masters, he studied a diverse range of modules including economics, health policy and global health. His dissertation investigated the responsibility of commissioning preventative health strategies in England after the enactment of the Health and Social Care Act of 2012. It was accepted for presentation at the 2017 Lancet Public Health conference [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(17\)32940-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)32940-9/fulltext)

## Katherine Taylor



Throughout her medical training Katherine was interested in the health of people around the world, the impact of the environment they live in on their health and the variation in health services available. Before medical school she visited rural clinics in Kenya learning about projects to tackle trachoma and those to empower young women. Later she visited health care services in remote rural villages in Papua New Guinea, then studied at Karl Heusner Hospital in Belize City on her elective. These fostered an appreciation of the difficulties of treating the dual burden of both communicable and non-communicable disease in environments experiencing poverty, challenging infrastructure and violence. After qualification from Imperial College in 2007 she undertook her foundation years in busy West London hospitals, energised by the multi-cultural society. Moving to Oxford for her General Practice speciality training she completed rotations in paediatrics, genito-urinary medicine and A+E as well as general practice. She developed an interest in reproductive health and further understanding the difficulties of accessing health care when working in rural locations. Soon after qualifying as a GP, she worked in Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town on an Improving Global Health Fellowship. Based in the gynaecology department and working with community clinics, the aim was to improve cervical cancer screening and access to colposcopy. Since moving back to London, she has worked in diverse and challenging parts of inner city London and also volunteered with Doctors of the World to treat those who have had difficulty accessing healthcare. Studying for her MPH whilst working part-time as a GP, she had a better understanding of the critical importance of public health. It has helped her to further appreciate the importance of access to quality primary care, putting the patient at the centre of services and embedding the local health care system in the context of the local and wider society and environment.

## Stephen Whelan



Stephen developed an interest in Public health, especially disease control and global Public Health strategies following initial training in environmental health. He undertook this whilst working in Defence in the early nineties. He was involved in humanitarian work during the Balkans conflict, briefly working alongside the UN in Croatia and other Former Republic of Yugoslavia locations. He was registered as an independent EH practitioner in 2004 and has worked in many countries providing advice and assurance against a multitude of health threats. He has also become involved in the training sector as an instructor and validator of training. His most recent appointment has allowed further experience in global health issues being responsible for the health threat assessments and mitigation advice to reduce disease and injury in UK Joint Military Operations worldwide. Undertaking the MPH at KCL has been hugely beneficial in allowing him to share experiences and gain a broader perspective and critical eye on the whole spectrum of public health matters.

## Caroline Howley



Caroline started her academic career studying Anatomy and Human Biology at the University of Liverpool, graduating in 2011. Following her graduation, like many people, she wanted to find a job that utilised the skills that she had learnt throughout her degree but not in a laboratory setting. During her search, she stumbled across the sector of healthcare communications which involved developing digestible, accessible information that is communicated to individuals via appropriate mediums. In her career to date, she has worked across a wide range of disease areas determining the best way to communicate with predominately patient, medical and commissioner communities with the ultimate aim of driving behaviour change. The nature of this work means there is often cross-over into public health and this led her to undertake a Master's in Public Health at King's College London in 2016, in order to broaden her knowledge and develop her skills within this area. As part of the Master's, the Global Health module, for which this prize was awarded, was an obvious study choice for her. It presented an opportunity to understand the diverse challenges that face different countries across the globe and how healthcare infrastructure within these countries influences their ability to respond to health needs. The poster project undertaken by her group encapsulated this objective and highlighted the complex health needs of individuals caught up in conflict both within their home countries and as refugees.

## Edianne Carpio



As a child of immigrants, Edianne was constantly moved between countries: first the Philippines, Ireland, and then Canada. The differences in policies, health systems, and health outcomes fascinated her from an early age. Naturally, she wanted to pursue a career that entailed applying knowledge in one, if not all three. However, her desire to pursue a career in public health was not as clear-cut and only came to fruition following a series of employment experiences. Having worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Toronto and Food Banks Canada, she relished the analytical challenges that encompass acquiring, analysing, and interpreting data. She was involved in a range of projects: analysing entomological specimen data at the University of Toronto, managing sociodemographic data for an annual report for Food Banks Canada, and conducting qualitative research on food security and poverty in rural northern communities in Canada. By liaising with various research and academic professionals, she soon discovered that the field of public health would serve as an excellent platform on which to realise her career aspirations and passion for research. Furthermore, her foray into public health would present the exciting opportunity to explore some of society's prevailing issues, advance knowledge and information, and contribute towards creating evidenced-based solutions. This ultimately led her to undertake a Master's in Public Health at King's College London, with a primary focus on epidemiology and statistics for her dissertation. Addressing public health needs is complex and can be further complicated by war and conflict. As illustrated by the prize winning project: the multifaceted health needs, large gaps in data, and lack of human rights are few of the many challenges in addressing public health needs of those affected by the Syrian conflict.

Anuradha Bajpai



Ever since an early age Anu has been interested in the biological functions of the human body, which led her to choose a Biomedical Science degree at the University of Essex. Going into this degree she was unsure as to what career path would be as she had broad range of clinical interests. However, after much research and multiple meetings, she recognised that Public Health offered the most opportunities. This is why she applied and succeeded in undertaking a Masters degree in Public Health at King's College London. This provided her with a better understanding of all the problems there are in health care. Moreover, she now understands how Public Health professionals are able to help with all these different issues and are able to solve them ingeniously. Now she is living in Spain with her family and hopes to use her Public Health degree to find a managerial position in London.