Networks for Impact on Global Health: Reciprocity, Equitability, and the Sharing of Best Practices

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Who we are

The Network: TUFH is

• a global network of individuals, institutions and organisations

• committed to improving the health of the people and their communities
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Membership

- Worldwide over 400 members
  - Individual members
  - Institutions
  - Organisations
- Scope
  - Academic health professionals and educators
  - Health providers and stakeholders
History

• Established in 1979 as The Network of Community-Oriented Educational Institutions for Health Sciences

• As of 1989, a NGO in official relationship with the World Health Organization

• Merged in 2001 with WHO’s Towards Unity for Health project

• The office is located at Faculty of Medical Sciences, Ghent University in Belgium
Mission (1)

- Mobilizes individuals and institutions committed to improving global health through community-oriented education, service and research.
- Core values: equity, solidarity, diversity, sustainability and innovation.
Mission (2)

• Support programs and collaborations
  – community health,
  – women’s health
  – inter-professional health education and practice
  – social accountability in health education and service,
  – the well-being of underserved populations.
Strategies

- Create partnerships between academic health professions institutions
- Engage with stakeholders in communities, health services, health care providers, professional organizations
- Act both locally and internationally
- Share expertise to promote change and change processes

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Actions (1)

1) Build international and regional networks of change agents with a shared vision for equitable and sustainable health systems

2) Promote effective partnerships between different stakeholders

3) Assist partners with development and adaptation of locally relevant health training methods and materials
4) Promote local capacity in community-based primary health care by training trainers in needs assessment, program development and evaluation

5) Help partners in developing countries obtain external funding for innovative initiatives

6) Develop relationships and action-platforms in the international community

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Conferences

Annual international scientific and networking meeting held in different WHO regions since 1979

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- 2005 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2006 Ghent, Belgium
- 2007 Kampala, Uganda
- 2008 Bogotá, Colombia
- 2009 Amman, Jordan
- 2010 Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2011 Graz, Austria
- 2012 Thunder Bay, Canada
- 2013 Ayutthaya, Thailand
- 2014 Fortaleza, Brazil
- 2015 Gauteng (Pretoria), South Africa
- 2016 Shenyang, China
- 2017 Tunis, Tunisia
Resources (1)

- Website: [http://thenetworktufh.org/](http://thenetworktufh.org/)
- Education for Health: peer-reviewed e-journal [www.educationforhealth.net](http://www.educationforhealth.net)
- Biannual Network Newsletter and email-alerts
Resources (2)

- Task Forces:
  - Community-based Care for the Elderly
  - Integrating Medicine and Public Health
  - Inter-professional Education
  - Skills Training
  - Social Accountability and Accreditation
  - Women and Health
  - Implementing WHO guidelines on medical education
Partners

- World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
- Global Health Through Education, Training and Service (GHETS)
- Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER)
- Training for Health Equity Network (THEnet)
- European Forum for Primary Care
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–African Proverb