

UPDATE FROM IIMHL AND IIDL

Welcome to this bi-monthly edition of 15 February 2022

The International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL) and the International Initiative for Disability Leadership (IIDL) organise systems for leaders to share innovations, network and problem solve across countries and agencies.

Thanks for subscribing to our Update, we hope you find it informative and helpful. You may have noticed that our branding looks a little different? We have recently refreshed our logos and our websites. We may look a little different, but we are still the same organization.

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!
Check out the excellent virtual matches!

IIMHL/IIDL Leadership Exchange 2022



We are pleased to announce the details of the 2022 Leadership Exchange:

Virtual Matches: Between October 3 - 20, 2022

- One or more online sessions per Match topic (each session will run for 90-120 minutes)

- Match hosts and co-hosts will co-design these with visitors, including an online session in March 2022

Regional Hubs: October 26 and 27, 2022

- In person meetings in three regions:
 - Australasia/Pacific Islands Lead Hub – Christchurch, New Zealand
 - North America Hub – Washington, DC
 - European Hub – TBD
- Leaders are invited to travel only to the Regional Hub that corresponds to the country in which they reside.

Virtual Viewing of Hubs: On Demand starting October 26-27, 2022

To register:

IIMHL: <https://www.iimhl.com/2022-leadership-exchange>

IIDL: <https://www.iimhl.com/2022-leadership-exchange-iidl>

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IIMHL Feature Article – International – Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland joins IIMHL

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced that Northern Ireland has joined the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL).

IIMHL offers support and technical assistance to countries and their provider leaders by assisting its members in adapting to rapid changes in the field and providing a support network through partnership with other leaders from around the world. <https://iimhl.com/>

Health Minister Robin Swann said: “I very much welcome Northern Ireland joining the IIMHL. The membership will play a vital role following the publication of the Northern Ireland’s Mental Health Strategy 2021 – 31 and as the Department starts to implement the Strategy, to include the design and shaping of future mental health services.

“Membership will help encourage the development of best practice within mental

health services through collaborative and innovative arrangements among leaders operating in the field of mental health service delivery”.

IIMHL President and CEO, Steve Appleton said “IIMHL is delighted about our new collaboration with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland. The partnership will enable IIMHL to provide Northern Ireland leaders with access to knowledge sharing and expertise from other membership colleagues around the world. It will open a range of opportunities including, leadership development, rapid transfer of learning and innovation and assist in building wider partnerships across the globe.”

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/swann-welcomes-northern-ireland-joining-international-mental-health-group>

Other IIMHL Articles of Interest – International

Covid-19: International innovations in mental health: Launch webinar of inaugural publication of mental health innovations from across the world

NHS Confederation Mental Health Network and the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership

January 2022

The NHS Confederation’s Mental Health Network and the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership held a launch webinar of our inaugural publication of mental health innovations from across the world. This new report examines the innovations developed by governments, commissioners and providers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that have enabled the continuation of service delivery, support for staff wellbeing and professional development, and sectoral research.

While the pandemic will leave behind it significant and long-lasting effects, it will also leave a legacy of accelerated innovations, the learning from which will not be soon forgotten. These innovations will improve mental health services across the globe long after the impact of the pandemic has abated.

<https://www.nhsconfed.org/events/covid-19-international-innovations-mental-health>

Video recording

<https://youtu.be/AS49MI16KDE>

Case studies

<https://www.nhsconfed.org/networks-countries/mental-health-network/international-innovations-mental-health>

The State of the World’s Children 2021: On My Mind – Promoting, protecting and caring for children’s mental health

UNICEF, 2021

With this edition of The State of the World’s Children, the first ever to focus on mental health, UNICEF is signalling our determination to listen – and to act. In recent years, we have worked to help safeguard the mental health and psychosocial well-being of children, adolescents, parents and caregivers in some of the world’s most challenging settings. We have worked, too, to address the sweeping impact of the pandemic on mental health. In 2020, we reached 47.2 million children, adolescents and caregivers with community-based mental health and psychosocial support, including targeted community awareness campaigns in 116 countries – or almost twice as many countries as in 2019.

<https://www.unicef.org/media/108161/file/SOWC-2021-full-report-English.pdf>

What Works? Collaborative Police and Health Interventions for Mental Health Distress Scottish Government: Crime & Justice, 2021

The police coming into contact with those in mental health distress has been identified as a key issue in the Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027, Policing 2026, and Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities 2017. It is also a main theme for the newly established Health and Justice Collaboration Improvement Board. Research Aims and Overview This evidence review looks at collaborative interventions which help support people in mental health distress. It aims to outline 'what works' when individuals present in mental health distress to the police. The key objective is to examine interventions that have been utilised internationally and, where evaluations are available, identify what aspects of the approach work well/not so well.

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/research-and-analysis/2018/08/works-collaborative-police-health-interventions-mental-health-distress/documents/00537517-pdf/00537517-pdf/govscot%3Adocument/00537517.pdf>

IIDL Feature Article – UK

An overview of systematic reviews to determine the impact of socio-environmental factors on health outcomes of people with disabilities

Health & Social Care in the Community, 2021

The aim of this overview of systematic reviews was to summarise the evidence on the impact of socio-environmental factors (i.e. social, physical or attitudinal) on the health outcomes of disabled people. Three key health outcomes (i.e. access to healthcare, health-promoting behaviour and care quality) and several recurring socio-environmental themes related to the health outcomes of disabled people were identified. Disabled people encounter common social, physical and attitudinal factors that hinder their health outcomes in terms of access to services and quality healthcare. Many preventive health services were identified as either inaccessible or not meeting the needs of disabled people. Greater involvement of disabled people in service design and awareness raising is essential.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/hsc.13665>

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<https://www.iimhl.com/iimhl-join>

For IIDL:

<https://www.iimhl.com/iidl-join>

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