

# Policy and Practice

## A Development Education Review

### DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND HEALTH

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# 1 Centre for Global Education

The Centre for Global Education was established in 1986 to provide education services that enhance awareness of international development issues. Its central remit is to provide learning that enables individuals and organisations to address the root causes of poverty, inequality and injustice at local and global levels. The Centre's resources and training programmes enable learners to understand the cultural, economic, social and political influences on our lives that result from our growing interdependence with other countries and societies. They also provide the skills, values, knowledge and understanding necessary to facilitate action that will contribute to poverty eradication both locally and globally.

## The Centre for Global Education's main aims are to:

- Act as a resource for research and education on global issues;
- Support the work of groups and organisations that foster social and economic equality at all levels;
- Facilitate networking and co-operation with relevant agencies and groups;
- Provide training and resources on development issues;
- Encourage the use of development education methodologies to bring about change at a local and global level;
- Network with partner organisations that share our values and commitment to social justice and equality;
- Enable action that addresses the root causes of poverty and injustice, locally and globally.

## The Centre's Values are as follows:

- Partnerships with individuals and organisations working to create an equal and just world.
- Enablement of effective action to challenge global inequality and injustice.
- Ensuring our work is informed by the needs and ideas of the global South.
- Promoting active learning in all our work.

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## 2 Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review

*Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review* is a bi-annual, peer reviewed, open access journal which aims to enhance capacity in the development education (DE) sector locally and internationally by sharing good practice, supporting research and strengthening debate in DE. Over the past 17 years, 34 issues of the journal have been published on the journal's web platform: [www.developmenteducationreview.com](http://www.developmenteducationreview.com). Each issue of the journal is constructed around a theme chosen by an Editorial Group which also assists with the peer reviewing of articles. The strategic aims of the journal are to:

- Provide a space for practitioners to critically reflect on their practice;
- Discuss the main challenges faced by development education practitioners;
- Celebrate and promote good practice in development education;
- Debate the policy environment in which development education is delivered;
- Share new research in development education;
- Strengthen links between development education and related adjectival educations such as human rights and sustainable development.



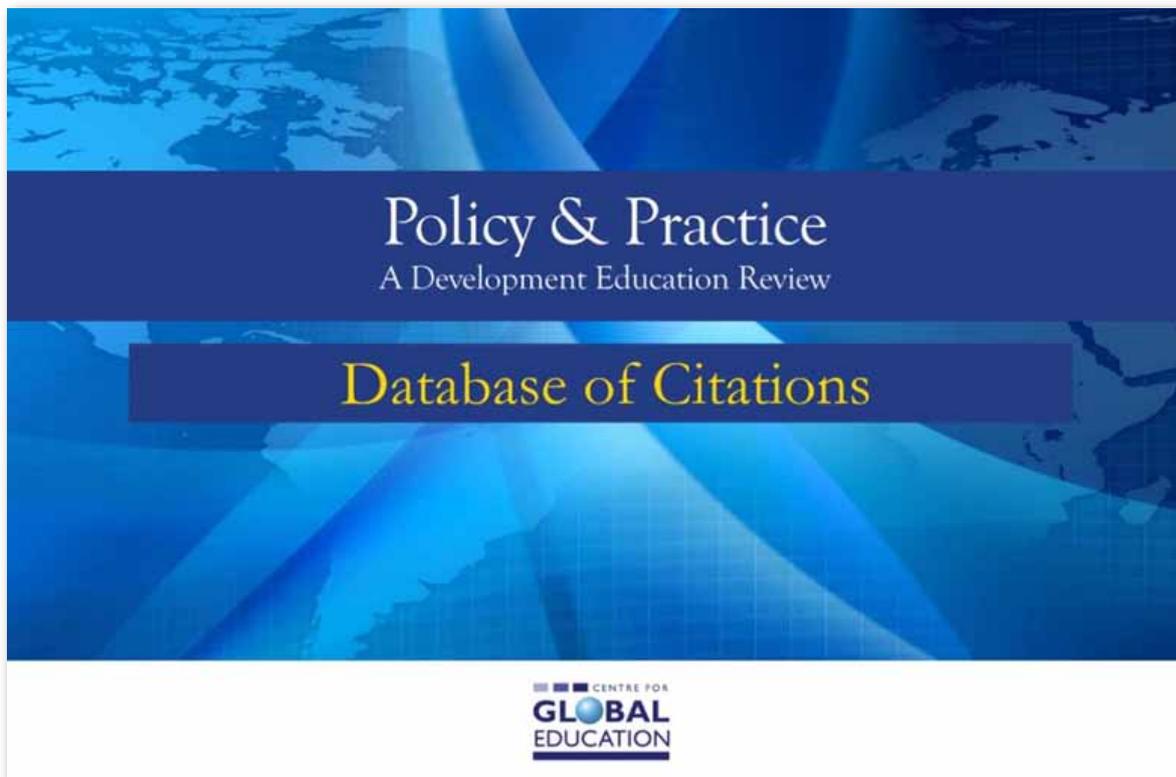
In 2021, the *Policy and Practice* web site received 220,000 unique visitors and 250,000 in total from the global North and South. The top 10 visitor countries to the web site on the basis of pages viewed from January to December 2021 were the following:

Countries	Number of Pages viewed
USA	120,685
Philippines	42,206
India	41,117
Britain	29,994
Russia Federation	14,675
Canada	13,241
Ireland	12,431
Sweden	9,917
South Africa	8,886
Germany	8,230

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## Journal Citations

One of the qualitative methods used to evaluate the impact of the journal on research and practice involves monitoring the number of citations generated by *Policy and Practice* articles in other books and journals, and in articles published by *Policy and Practice* itself. The citation database was updated in May 2022 and showed that a total of 3,674 citations had been generated by journal articles; 374 citations were created in *Policy and Practice* articles and 3,300 in other journals and books. This total represented an increase of 531 on 2021. The citations have appeared in 505 journals and 270 books covering a range of academic disciplines and subject areas reflecting the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal's content. The research on citations also showed that *Policy and Practice* articles have been cited in 349 theses, dissertations and academic papers which reflects the extent to which the journal is supporting new research in higher education. Citations were also found in 94 non-governmental organization publications which suggests that *Policy and Practice* has managed to sustain a strong level of readership in the NGO sector as well as academia. The citations database is available [here](#).



## Policy and Practice by Numbers

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## A Development Education Review



### Global Readership

250,000 web site visits in 2021 from the global North and South. 220,000 unique visits.



### Journals

*Policy and Practice* articles have been cited in 505 international journals.



### Citations

*Policy and Practice* articles have generated 3,700 citations in books and journals.



### Dissertations

350 dissertations have drawn upon the content of the journal for research purposes..



### Books

270 books reference the journal, covering a range of topics including education, politics, sustainability and development.

# 250,000

## READERS ACROSS THE WORLD



[www.developmenteducationreview.com](http://www.developmenteducationreview.com)

### 3 Aims of the Seminar

This seminar was organised to present and debate the content of Issue 34 of the Centre for Global Education's bi-annual, open access, peer reviewed journal *Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review*. The theme of this issue is 'Development Education and Health' which is a ground-breaking topic for *Policy and Practice* that has not been previously covered by the journal. Three of the articles published in *Issue 34* were presented at this seminar and addressed a diverse range of topics including: integrating planetary health into the Irish medical curriculum; ensuring COVID-19 vaccine equity for countries in the global South; and using development education methodologies to encourage active global citizenship in the National Health Service in Scotland. The seminar enabled authors to debate their articles with readers and facilitate discussion on good practice in development education. Each speaker presented their articles for 15 minutes followed by discussion. The three articles presented at the seminar were:

- [Integrating Planetary Health into the Medical Curriculum](#)  
Sadhbh Lee, Oisin Brady Bates, Esmeralda Cecilie Perez, Callum P Swift and Debbi Stanistreet
- [Active Global Citizenship in National Health Service \(NHS\) Scotland](#)  
Emily Broadis and Charlotte Dwyer
- [Global Access to Medicines and the Legacies of Coloniality in COVID-19 Vaccine Inequity](#)  
Susi Geiger and Ciara Conlan

#### The Speakers / Facilitator were:

##### **Pieterella Pieterse (Chair)**

(Dublin City University's School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health)

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##### **Sadhbh Lee**

(Doctor specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, and Honorary clinical lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland)

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##### **Charlotte Dwyer**

(Director, Scottish Development and Education Centre, Scotdec)

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##### **Ciara Conlan**

(Medical doctor currently working in medical virology and co-founder of Access to Medicines Ireland)

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The recording of the seminar is available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/167k26cjgPJgHR3VF-IEIGqemYQLiTg00/view?usp=sharing>

## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee

# Integrating planetary health into the medical curriculum

Dr. Sadhbh Lee  
Development Education and Health Seminar  
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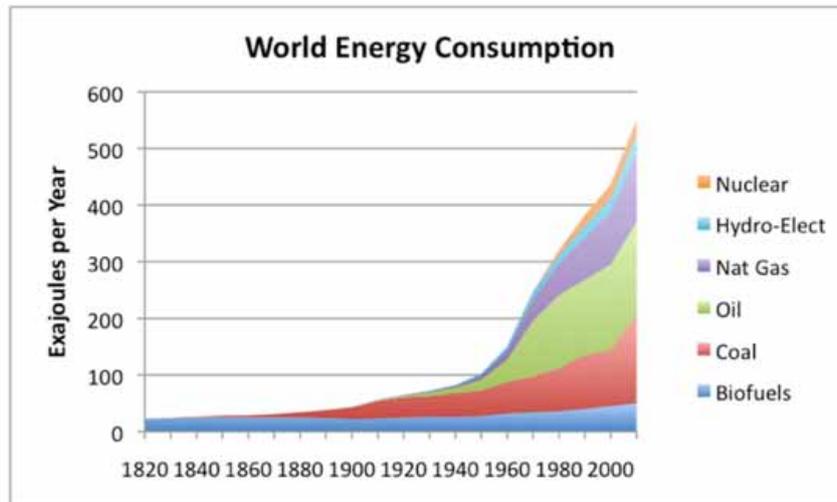


“The health of human  
civilisation and the state  
of the natural systems  
upon which it depends”

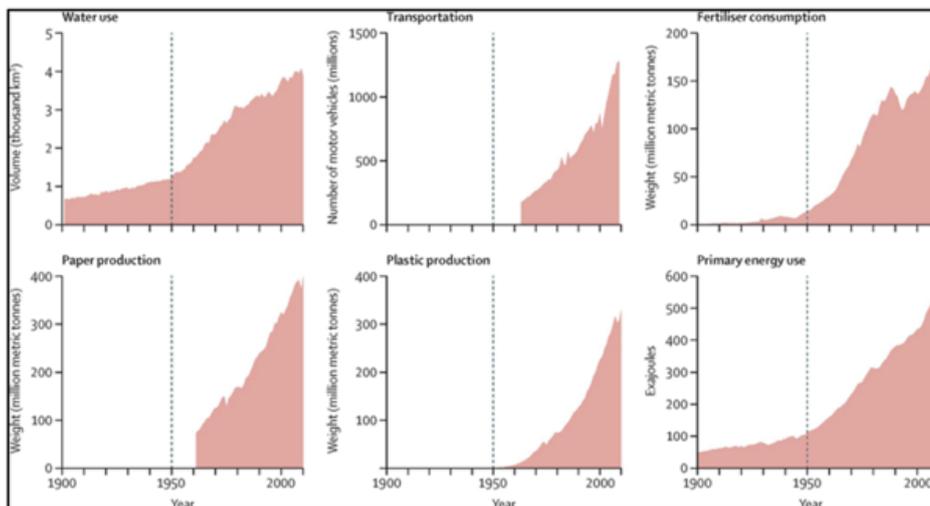
*Whitmee et al. 2015*

## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee

### Human pressure on the environment

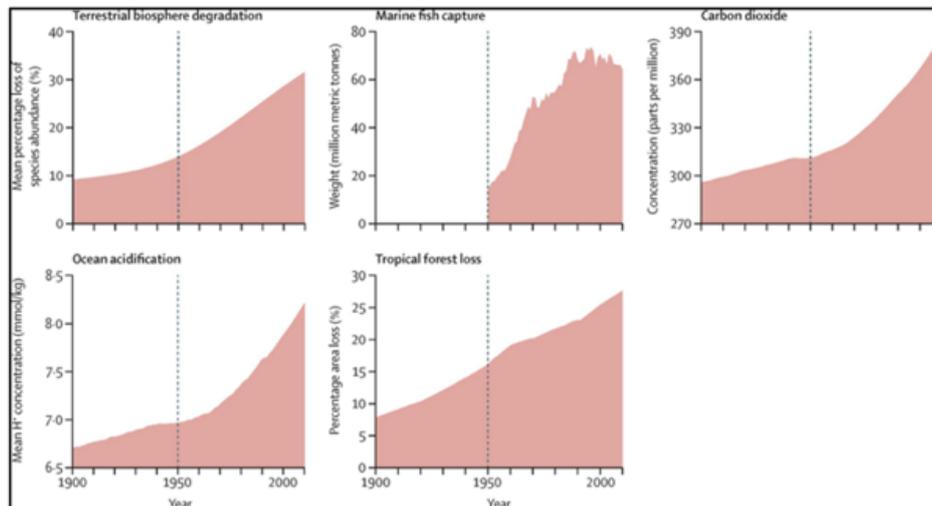


Vlachogianni, Valavanidis, 2013



Myers, 2017

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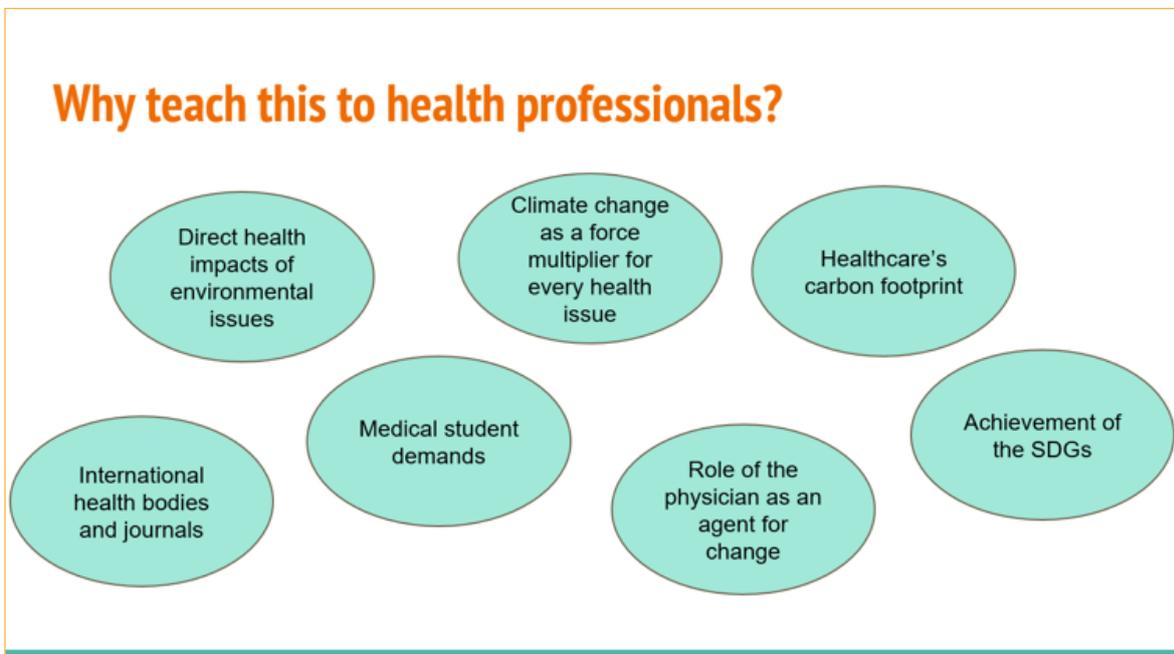
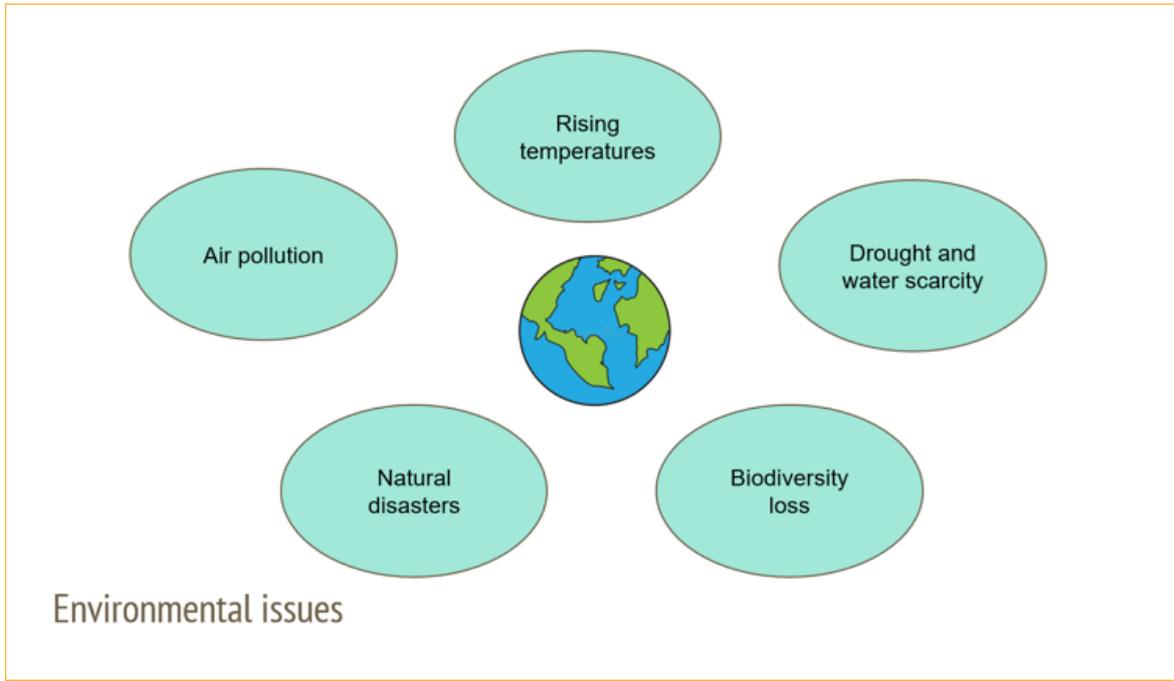


Myers, 2017

“It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land.. Widespread and rapid changes have occurred”

*IPCC, 2021*

## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee



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### How should we teach it?

- Barriers and facilitators
- Interdisciplinary approach
- Integration into existing learning material - "spiralling"
- Use of didactic and case-based approaches
- Peer-to-peer learning
- E-learning

### A growing planetary health movement



## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee



2020-2021 Summary Report  
Ireland

# Planetary Health Report Card

	Overall	Curriculum	Research	Community Outreach & Advocacy	Support for Student-led Initiatives	Campus Sustainability
University College Cork	C	D	C+	C-	C	B+
National University of Ireland Galway	C-	D+	B-	F+	C-	B+
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	C-	C	D+	D	C+	C-
Trinity College Dublin	C-	D	D	F+	D	A-
University College Dublin	D+	C-	D+	F+	D	C

80-100% = A, 60-79% = B, 40-59% = C, 20-39% = D, 0-19% = F  
Scores within top or bottom 5% awarded + or -, respectively

[phreportcard.org](http://phreportcard.org)

## CHIME Ireland



## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee

Climate change impacts, exposures and vulnerabilities				
Examples	Include	Exclude	Not sure	Comments
Food security & nutrition				
Overnutrition & undernutrition				
Food safety				
Effects of heat				
Impact of air pollution on health				
Air quality and health				
Health inequalities				
Environment & health inequity				
Introduction to planetary health				
Conceptual clarity! What Planetary Health means and how it is different from One Health, Global Health, International Health...				
Environmental migration				
Zoonotic diseases				
Infectious diseases				
Displacement of animals – infectious disease transmission – zoonotic				
One Health. Current zoonosis related to climate change (dengue, hantavirus, Chagas disease, chikungunya)				
Water, sanitation and hygiene and wider environmental health (impact of climate change on these issues and role in mitigating and adapting)				
Environmental impact of health systems				
Mental health effects of planetary change				
UNFCCC, IPCC and COPs (political consensus, evidence base, climate agreements)				

### • Impact of pollution on health

#### Air pollution

- Understands the two types of air pollution - ambient and outdoor - and can quantify the health burden associated with each in Ireland and worldwide
- Understands the harmful effects of air pollution on human health including cardiovascular, renal, respiratory, neurological, reproductive systems
- Demonstrates an understanding of the differing climate sensitivities to air pollution amongst different socio-economic groups within countries and between countries

*Clinical vignette:* Assess the air pollution-related risk of individual patients, identify vulnerable patients and implement personalised risk reduction strategies as part of a holistic treatment plan

#### *Further reading:*

An excellent resource from the European Environment Agency:  
<https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/air/health-impacts-of-air-pollution>

Ireland based research from the EPA:

<https://www.epa.ie/publications/research/environment--health/Indoor-Air-Pollution-and-Health.pdf>

## 4 Presentation by Sadhbh Lee

“We must rapidly mobilise health profession educators to deliver education for sustainable healthcare”

*Shaw et al. 2021*

**A changing climate requires a changing curriculum.**

**Thank you.**

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## 5 Presentation by Ciara Conlan

### Global Access to Medicines and the Legacies of Coloniality in COVID-19 Vaccine Inequity

Authors: Prof Susi Geiger & Dr Ciara Conlan

Presenter: Ciara Conlan



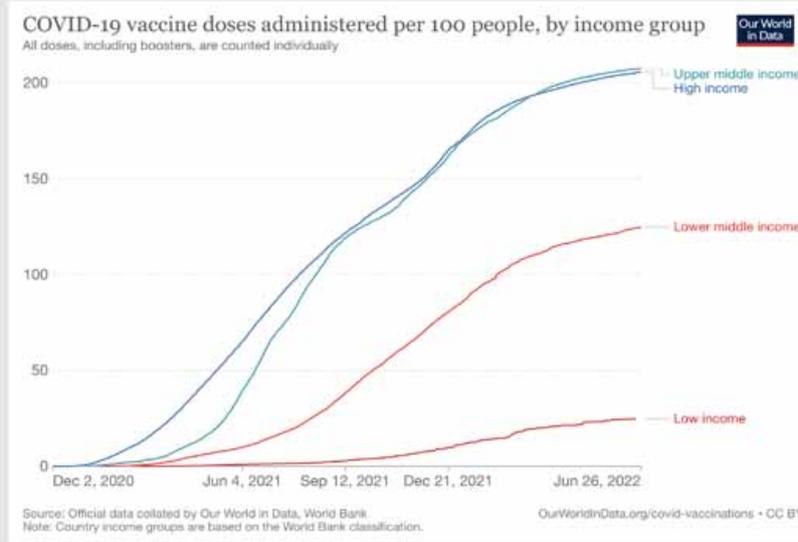
### Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragilities and fault lines of the global capitalist system in many different ways including:

Exacerbation of wealth inequality; lack of global democratic oversight/governance; excessive global economic dependencies; supply chain insecurities, and national health systems' weaknesses.

**Our article focuses on the vast inequalities in access to medicines & vaccines between high-income and low-to-middle income countries – and we also analyse the prevalent attempts to 'explain away' these inequities**

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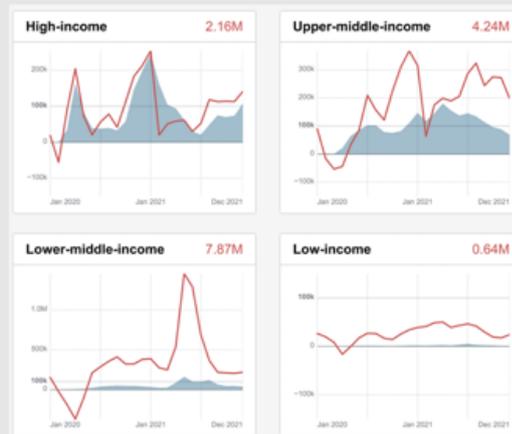
### COVID-19 global death toll

Official: 6.3m

True: estimated >15 million people

For every death in a high-income country, an estimated four other people have died in a low or lower-middle income country. (Oxfam, 2022)

Vaccines have saved an estimated 19.8 million lives - but many more could have been saved with an equitable rollout. (*The Lancet Infectious Diseases* June 2022)



Reported vs Excess mortality from COVID-19. Source: WHO

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### The colonial legacies in Access to Medicines

The undermining of access friendly policies and proposals by higher-income countries/blocs and the pharmaceutical industry has been long-standing;

- HIV/AIDs
- Global medical research & development funding model
- Western-est Solutions

### Medicines and Intellectual Property

Inequalities in access to medicines are the direct and continuing consequences of a centuries-long absence of concern for global social and health justice by leaders in rich nations for populations elsewhere.

The global standardization + strengthening of intellectual property regimes (**TRIPS agreement**, 1994 at the WTO) meant that many countries, especially in the global South, had to begin offering patents on medicines for the first time

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that **public health flexibilities** in TRIPS (in place largely due to HIV treatment activism) remain marginal to the global patent regime – and were not rapidly workable to scale up access to COVID-19 medical tools

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### COVID-19 & Equity Proposals

1. COVAX – WHO joint procurement mechanism – later converted largely into a vaccine donation platform
2. COVID TECHNOLOGY ACCESS POOL (C-TAP)  
Proposed by Costa Rican government  
Would leave patent system intact – depends on voluntary sharing of patents & know-how
3. TRIPS waiver – a moratorium on COVID-19 patents combined with knowledge transfer which was proposed by Indian and South African governments – and supported by >100 countries

### Colonialist narratives in the midst of COVID-19..

Vaccine Hesitancy

Vaccine Wastage

Lack of capacity in Global South

Leaning on the existence of donation



Illustration: Ben Jennings/The Guardian

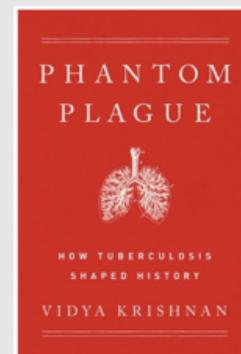
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### Donations, travel bans and vaccine diplomacy: practices of coloniality?

- While C-TAP / a comprehensive TRIPS waiver would have boosted regional capacity; donation-based models fulfil a short-term need and do not to address (and even worsen) global power imbalances.
- The EU is building E.U wide regional manufacturing capacity into its new Pharmaceutical Strategy, while simultaneously blocking the African continent from rolling out such capacity.
- Most high-income countries singled out Southern African countries and 'punished' them with a travel ban for the omicron variant - a variant made possible partly due to delays in vaccine supplies

*The immensity of the global pandemic has not been able to override a global health order in which the white medical establishment treats medicines as proprietary science, locking vaccines and drugs under market monopolies while numerous black and brown patients die- **Vidya Krishnan***

*But let's assume that COVAX was working and these banner headlines of largess were actually true – the fact remains that the global North still has a holding over the heads of the global South, vast amounts of debt that dwarf the pitiful amounts of debt relief that are being offered at the moment – **Rupa Marya***



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### Alternative routes to access, and to building capacity

Compulsory licensing / IP waivers + patent pools for existing tools as discussed

#### And/Or

An 'access-friendly' system of medical research and development - thinking beyond the patent incentive

Corbevax - developed with global access in mind

Cuba - aimed at low-cost, easy to distribute & scalable vaccines

### Educational Implications

There is a significant body of research across healthcare and social sciences that can help explain current dynamics through analysis of past events. Considerable efforts have been made in political economy and postcolonial studies to examine the remnants of the colonial endeavours of the 19th century (and previous ones).

It is important for public health, global health, and medical students to familiarise themselves with the heritage of the current global health system, which has its roots in the colonial enterprise of 'tropical health' (See Fofana, 2021).

Global social justice can only ever be achieved if healthcare truly becomes a right for all, achievable, accessible, and available no matter where in the world they live.

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## 6 Presentation by Charlotte Dwyer

Imagining better futures:  
Active Global Citizenship within NHS Scotland  
*Charlotte Dwyer*



**Setting the scene within Scotland's NHS**

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### The Sustainable Development Goals

In September 2015 world leaders committed to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

17 goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in 15 years:

1. End extreme poverty
2. Fight inequality and injustice
3. Combat climate change



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development

### Active Global Citizenship – NHS Scotland principles

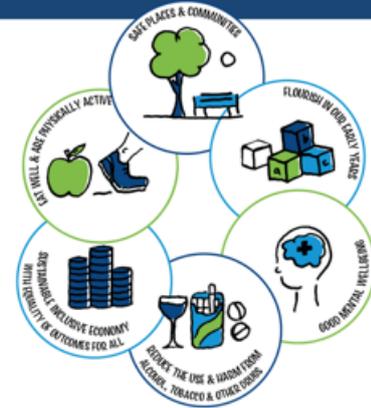
- Inequity leads to health inequality
- Poverty causes poor health
- Climate change is a public health emergency



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### Partnership

- Putting the local into Global Citizenship
- Scoping workshops
- Finding the key 'touch point'



### What we did

#### SDG cards discussion prompts

- 17 flash cards with reflection questions
- Case studies highlighting the goals in action
- Booklet to aid facilitation

How do we balance the hygiene needs of effective treatment with targets for sustainable and less wasteful practises?  
SDG 12

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### What we did

#### Training packages

- Introductory PPT
- Poverty and Inequality
- Responsible consumption
- Power Partnerships



Think



Act



Reflect



### Impact so far

- Pilot and feedback
- Launch and dissemination
- Conference



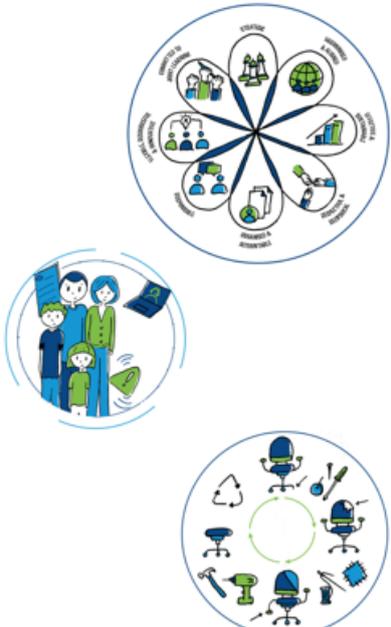
"PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IS A POWERFUL DRIVER OF DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING GOODS & SERVICES A COUNTRY NEEDS, THE ACT OF PROCUREMENT ITSELF CAN STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES, SUPPORT MARGINALISED GROUPS & BOOST LOCAL CAPACITY FOR COMMERCE"  
WORLD BANK, 2014

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### What next?

#### Commitment to Global Citizenship

- Trainer the trainer
- Promoting the resources
- Funding!



## Thank you for your time

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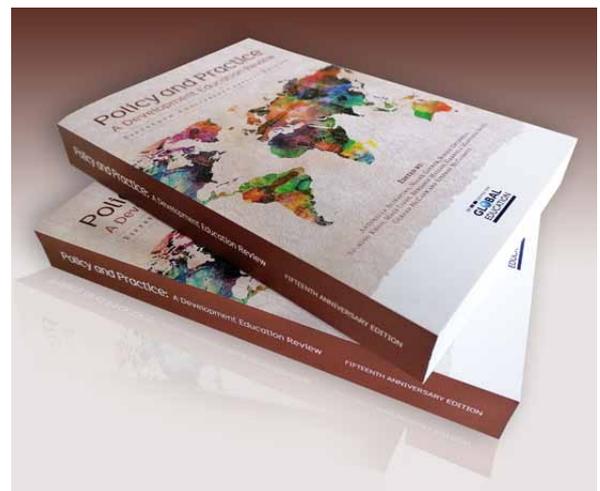
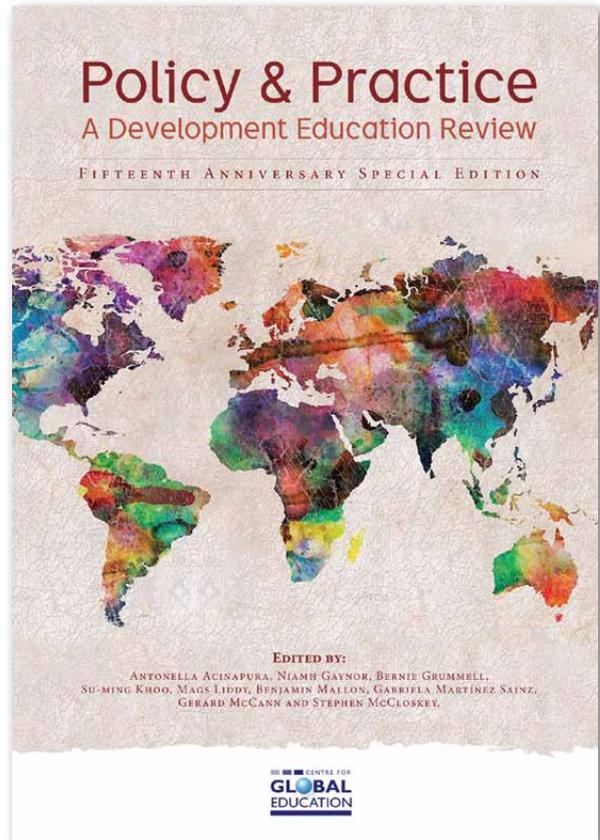
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