Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

17th September 2021

Dear all,

Annual Report 2020

When we started to reflect on 2020 to build our Annual Report, we realised that it was quite a year. We have been honoured to represent the views of our members working in the managed sector in one of the most difficult years of all of our working lives. We hope that you enjoy reading about the GHP executive committee and their roles and also think about how you can become more involved with the GHP and the profession of Pharmacy. Check out the Annual report attached or here https://www.ghp.org.uk/2021/09/16/annual-report-2020/.

New Members on GHP NOPC

I would like to also take this opportunity to introduce you to 3 new members of the GHP NOPC who joined in September 2021. You may remember, in my August blog, **GHP President's blog**, we invited members to apply to join the GHP NOPC for a new and exciting role of Chair of Sustainability. We were delighted to have a number of incredible applicants, and we have decided to appoint not only a Chair but also a Vice Chair of Sustainability, as we believe that this is such an important area for Pharmacy at this time.

Please join us in welcoming them to the committee; **Chair of Sustainability; Barry Melia**

Barry is a Principal Pharmacist in the Clinical and Protecting Health Directorate of Public Health Scotland. He has a background in a wide variety of practice including community, academia, primary care and public health. His day job is to provide professional leadership and advice to a range of stakeholders on the use of medicines in Scotland. Barry's recently completed Masters in Public Health included a research project exploring the relationship between prescribing data and the environmental levels of pharmaceuticals at two sites in Scotland. He is passionate about the environment and also primary interventions, particularly where they have an impact on the mental health of our citizens.





Vice Chair of Sustainability, Min Na Eii

Min Na is an Advanced Pharmacist practitioner in Acute Medicine at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. She also works for the Integrated Urgent Care NHS 111 Pharmacist at North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Min Na is a co-founder of the dynamic environmentally conscious group of Pharmacy professionals, "Pharmacy Declares" who are leading the agenda on calling for climate and health action, as well as leadership and education for all pharmacy professionals. She also recently published an article in the Pharmaceutical Journal to support pharmacists on how to make their workplace greener: https://pharmaceutical-journal.com/article/opinion/becoming-a-change-agent-six-ways-pharmacists-can-help-make-their-workplace-greener

We have also recently had a vacancy in our Regional NE England position, and again we had a number of excellent applications for this post.
We are thrilled to announce that our new **Regional member for the North East of England is Hazel Kirwin.**

Hazel works as a specialist pharmacist and prescriber in a split role between primary care and hospital, giving her a unique understanding of the challenges faced by pharmacists in both sectors. She is also an active member of the Labour Party and is Chair of her local branch. Hazel is passionate about GHP member engagement and involvement as well as workers' rights and fair payment for our profession.



We are looking forward to working with all of you.

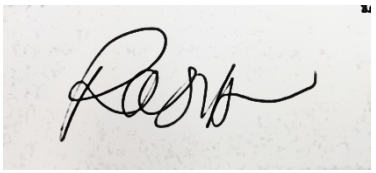
World Pharmacists Day

As World Pharmacists Day 2021 approaches (25th September) – we would invite you to join us at our webinar on 23rd September! Hosted by our Scottish Regional Member, Nathan Burley, this webinar features two topical subjects of the Reform of Initial Education and Training for Pharmacists (IET) as well as Sustainability. We have a number of incredible speakers; Prof Alison Strath (CPhO for Scotland), Prof Anne Watson (Post Grad Dean for Pharmacy, NES) and Laura Fraser (Scottish lead for GPhC). We hope you will join us! For more information including how to register for the event, https://www.ghp.org.uk/2021/09/07/invite-to-ghp-webinar-on-sustainability-and-iet/.

We are active on a range of social media fronts, and here is how to keep up to date with what we are doing and get in touch with us;

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https://www.ghp.org.uk



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