



The [Irish Network of Medical Educators \(INMED\)](#) in partnership with the [Irish Forum for Global Health \(IFGH\)](#) is delighted to announce:

‘A Symposium on Medical Electives’

The aim of the symposium is to develop an all-Ireland collegial approach to medical electives in developed and resource-poor countries. The symposium will be held on **Friday 20 September, 2013, 10am–4pm** at the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI), St Stephen’s Green, Dublin.

Issues to be examined will include the production of good practice guidelines on principles and processes, and a framework for partnerships with institutions in low resource settings. The specific aims of the symposium are to:

- Learn from each other about current elective processes in medical schools on the island of Ireland. This includes electives in Ireland, in developed and in resource-poor countries.
- Learn from students about their views of current medical elective processes.
- Identify areas for collaboration on electives across medical schools. Areas of work could include insurance, pre-departure preparation, database of sites, funding, etc.
- Begin the development of national good practice guidelines on a common set of principles and approaches in relation to medical electives, as well as a framework for partnerships with institutions in low-resource settings.

Guest speakers include:

Dr Jon Dowell, School of Medicine, Dundee

Dr Dowell is Convenor of Electives at Dundee, Chair of UK Medical Schools Council Electives Group, Founder of Responsible Electives (www.reponsibleelectives.org)

Dr Victor Mukonka, Copperbelt University Medical School, Zambia

Dr Mukonka has hosted medical students from Ireland at different institutions in Zambia.

Dr Patrick O’Donnell, MSc Global Health Candidate, Trinity College Dublin

Dr O’Donnell is a GP who has studied Irish student experiences of international health electives taking up a post as research fellow in Primary Care & Social Inclusion at UL.

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