

Health Sciences Academy Newsletter

Bringing together research, innovation and clinical practice

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WELCOME

Welcome to the March edition of the Health Sciences Academy newsletter. Each month, we will share updates in the key areas of education, research and innovation.

EDUCATION



Back row L-R UL Students: Luke Howley, Mia Bannon, Natalia Cichy, Buki Adejomehin, Caroline Heffernan (Patient Advocate), Roisin Duffy, Bridget Harms, Anna Pastrevica, Miriam McCarthy, Health Sciences Academy Manager & Aileen Corrigan, Physiotherapy Practice Tutor.
Front row L-R UL Students: Nicole Manning, Rand Al-Ali, Ailbhe Noonan, Padraic Og Horan & Bruce Isik (virtually).

All Ireland InterProfessional Healthcare Challenge (AIPEC) 2024

The All-Ireland Interprofessional Healthcare Challenge (AIPEC) is an annual interdisciplinary case-based learning opportunity for students. Interprofessional student teams compete against each other and showcase how effective teamwork and collaboration between various healthcare professionals achieve the best health outcome for the patient. This year's case study focused on a lady with cystic fibrosis and students had to devise a care plan to address her clinical and social needs. Guest speaker, Caroline Heffernan, Patient Advocate with Cystic Fibrosis Ireland delivered highly informative session to support student learning. Well done to the teams who took part in University of Limerick AIPEC Internal Heat for AIPEC 2024 on 27/02/2024.

Best of luck to the winning team representing UL @AIPEC24 which is taking place on 8th March at Queens University Belfast. [Follow us on X for regular updates.](#)

Watch Junior Health Sciences Academy's Early Careers Event

This was a virtual live event hosted by the Junior Health Sciences Academy in conjunction with Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board and Limerick Education Support Centre. It aims to provide information on careers and programmes of study in healthcare. It was the 4th year hosting this successful event.

The event showcased healthcare as an option for further study and career opportunities. If you missed the recent Webinars you can [click here to watch the recordings of Days 1, 2 and 3 on the Health Sciences Academy website.](#)



Refurbishment of NCHD Residence Room and Library at Nenagh Hospital



Nenagh NCHD's with Dr Andrew Scott - Respiratory and GIM Consultant, Angela O'Sullivan - Nenagh Business Manager, Breege Mulcaire - Administrator, Tony McBride - Maintenance and Verity Hayes - NDTP Coordinator.

NDTP NATIONAL DOCTORS TRAINING & PLANNING

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Training Lead Fund, project support from NDTP Coordinator, Verity Hayes and in collaboration the Maintenance Department staff in Nenagh Hospital, Director of Scheduled Care John Doyle and Nenagh Executive Team, we completed an impressive new refurbishment of the Doctors' Residence and Library in Nenagh Hospital. NCHD's were heavily involved in the redesign and the project encompassed a comprehensive transformation, including the installation of new fixtures, vibrant painting, minor construction works, and the acquisition of modern furniture. The purpose of this refurbishment was to aid in improving morale, reducing fatigue, reducing burnout and assist with staff retention of NCHDs. Supplying a suitable working environment where NCHD's could undergo online training, research and education that would also enhance patient care.

INNOVATION

Spark Impact 2024: A Frontline Innovation Initiative with funding of €5,000 - €90,000

The Spark Innovation Programme is delighted to introduce Spark Impact, an initiative designed to promote innovation among frontline staff.

This initiative offers funding from €5,000 to €90,000.

Applicants must select a tier of funding which is most appropriate to their specific need and stage of their project.

Spark Impact is now accepting applications until the **closing date of Friday 22nd March 2024**. [Click here to find out more & apply.](#)



Inaugural Design Thinking Workshop in the Mid West

Congratulations to the Finalists in the Mid West Innovation Call for Ideas who participated in the HSE Spark Design Thinking Workshop at Houston Hall on 6th March 2024. This was facilitated by Martin Ryan, Partner and co-founder www.thinkactionable.com service design, strategy and innovation consultancy. The finalists will pitch their ideas to the judges on 12th April @11am in the Auditorium, CERC, UHL and staff are more than welcome to come along to support them.



RESEARCH

[Click here to see how to Submit your Abstracts for the 2024 ULHG NCHD Conference.](#)

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+ 2024 NCHD Conference

Clinical Education and Research Centre
University Hospital Limerick

Thursday the 16th May 2024

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OPEN NOW FOR ABSTRACTS

Call for abstracts open: 29th February 2024 **Closing date for abstracts:** 11th April 2024

We are inviting all NCHDs to submit Research, Audit, and Quality Improvement abstracts from their training year (2023/24) at **UL Hospitals Group**

Submit your abstract VIA the NCHD App under the:
2024 NCHD Conference section

Scan QR code to download the App now:

For any queries, please contact:
TrainingLeadULHospitals@hse.ie





Health Sciences Academy is delighted to welcome the:

Professional Pathways Roadshow

The University of Limerick staff will be onsite to talk to you about part-time and micro-credential upskilling opportunities for professionals working in healthcare.

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- 12th March :**
 - University Maternity Hospital Limerick
- 13th March:**
 - Ennis Hospital
- 14th March:**
 - St. John’s Hospital
- 19th March:**
 - Nenagh Hospital
- 20th March:**
 - University Hospital Limerick
- 21st March:**
 - University Hospital Limerick
- 26th March:**
 - Croom Orthopedic Hospital



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Events at Clinical Education & Research Centre (CERC), UHL

22nd March	Grand Rounds	Professor Sean Kennelly, Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine, Tallaght University Hospital	1pm -2pm
5th April	Grand Rounds	Dr Antonella Milos, Infectious Diseases Consultant, UL Hospitals Group	1pm -2pm