



Psychosocial Interventions for Displaced Populations



Applications now open for this interactive online course aimed to strengthen capacity for psychosocial response in humanitarian contexts.

25 February – 05 April 2019

Course Leaders:

**Dr Carola Eyber and
Dr Rebecca Horn**

This online course reviews recent developments in the field of psychosocial programming in humanitarian contexts and examines the evidence-base for effective, quality programming. It is suitable for professional development both for those wishing to explore this rapidly developing area of humanitarian response and for those with significant experience in the field who wish to consolidate their understanding of effective practice.

The material builds upon the substantial research, field experience and networks of the two course facilitators, Dr Carola Eyber and Dr Rebecca Horn, to create a lively, interactive learning approach that draws upon the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of our global participants.

Participants registered on the course will work through ten units of material – featuring readings, narrated PowerPoints, videos etc. - over a six-week period. A discussion board provides a context for interaction between participants as well as with course facilitators. Those wishing to gain academic credit for study will then complete a written assignment.

Course Dates: 25 February to 05 April 2019

Course Requirements: Participants need access to a computer with broadband internet connection to engage with course materials and the discussion board. Those wishing to gain academic credit for the course must meet the entry requirements as an Associate Student for Masters level study.

Course Accreditation: Those completing the course for academic credit will be awarded 5 ECTS credit points (equivalent to one-twelfth of a Masters degree award). The course is accredited by TropEdEurop.

Course Fee: £710

Apply: contact ighd@qmu.ac.uk for information about the different ways you can apply to complete this course.

Course Coverage

- 1: The Developing Field of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- 2: The MHPSS Guidelines
- 3: Current Policy and Practice Developments:
- 4: Approaches to Psychosocial Support: Child Friendly Spaces
- 5: Approaches to Psychosocial Support: Gender, Conflict and Displacement
- 6: Approaches to Psychosocial Support: Community-Based Approaches
- 7: Approaches to Psychosocial Support: Mainstreaming into Other Sectors
- 8: Approaches to Psychosocial Support: Humanitarian Staff Care
- 9: Design, Monitoring and Evaluation of Psychosocial Programming
- 10: Capacity Building for Psychosocial Support

All units involve discussion of principles and frameworks, evidence-base and emerging best practice.



IGHD is a multi-disciplinary centre for research and postgraduate education that addresses contemporary health and development challenges in low and middle income countries and their connection to global systems and trends. Our approach is marked by a commitment to critical thinking, practice engagement, and social justice. IGHD builds upon a long-standing track-record of engagement in the field of global health and development at QMU, with an emphasis on supporting the development of policy and systems in the context of community engagement. Research is focused in areas where the Institute has a track-record and ongoing capacity for world leadership, one of which is studies on the linked themes of psychosocial well-being, protection and integration.



Course Team

Dr Carola Eyber is a Senior Lecturer with IGHD. She is an experienced researcher on child protection issues, mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in low and middle income countries with over 25 years of work experience. She has particular experience of working in fragile states and conflict-affected contexts and has conducted numerous research, evaluation and teaching assignments in such contexts. Carola has a strong interest in resilience and local strategies for dealing with adversities and has worked with community-based organisations seeking to promote such approaches to social development issues.

Dr Rebecca Horn is a Research Fellow with IGHD. She is also a member of the Church of Sweden/ Act Alliance psychosocial roster, and Senior Research Associate with the Columbia Group for Children in Adversity. In addition, she works as an independent psychosocial specialist for a range of organisations, including UNICEF, HealthNet TPO, International Rescue Committee and Red Cross/ Red Crescent organisations. She is a psychologist (registered with HCPC) and her work in the psychosocial field includes research, capacity-building, and supporting organisations to integrate psychosocial approaches into their programmes. Her recent work has included the development of a community-based psychosocial support toolkit for children and young people in South Sudan; supporting Act Alliance partner organisations to plan, monitor, evaluate and report on the psychosocial elements of their programming; and conducting research on intimate partner violence in refugee camps.

