

## LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE

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### Applications

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Please enclose a copy of your current Curriculum Vitae, two references and an original transcript with your application. Applicants should note that it is recommended that they hold a minimum standard of GCSE mathematics, or equivalent.

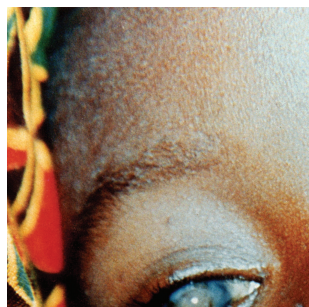
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## DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY EYE HEALTH

### SHORT COURSE

The Mission of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is to contribute to the improvement of health world-wide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching and advanced training in national and international public health and tropical medicine, and through informing policy and practice in these areas.

# Diploma in Community Eye Health

FURTHER INFORMATION: [www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short)

## Course Organiser

Ms Marcia Zondervan

## Aims of the Course

This three month course is aimed at ophthalmologists, optometrists and eye care managers who want to know more about the major blinding eye diseases and the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight initiative. It is especially suitable for eye care professionals including ophthalmologists, optometrists and project managers who want to receive training in Community Eye Health, but cannot be away from their place of work for one year.

## Setting & Programme

**All students will take four compulsory modules** - these modules form part of the MSc in Public Health for Eye Care. Diploma students are taught alongside the MSc students in these modules.

**C1 & C2:** Compulsory modules:

**C1:** Childhood Eye Disease and Ocular Infections

**C2:** Non-communicable Eye Disease

**D1 & D2:** Compulsory modules:

**D1:** How to plan and Implement a Vision 2020: The Right to Sight project

**D2:** Skills, Resources and Technology for Vision 2020: The Right to Sight

## Strategy Document

The final weeks of the course are spent researching and writing up a strategy document. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to relate the contents of the course to their own working situations or field of interest by developing a practical document. The strategy document outlines the plans which will be instituted in their home country.

## Teaching Methods

The course will be taught by staff of the International Centre for Eye Health, who have experience in community eye health programme administration in many developing countries.

## Assessment

Assessments will be taken at the end of each module and a written strategy document of no more than 5,000 words must be submitted.

## Course Fees

Course fees are updated on the School's website as soon as they are confirmed. Fees should be paid at least one month in advance of the start of the course. If you are being sponsored please provide a letter from your sponsor guaranteeing funding one month in advance in order to secure your place.

### *Julbert Kadimpeul from Senegal, Diploma in Community Eye Health alumnus, 2008*

*I am in charge of Bignona Eye Unit which is located in Casamance (South Senegal) as a Cataract Surgeon. My job is to develop eye care programmes for:*

- *Prevention of avoidable eye diseases*
- *Treatment of eye diseases at secondary level*
- *Promotion of eye health (training health workers in basic eye care)*

*My training in Community Eye Health in the ICEH was important for me as it allowed me to get a clear view of my job. I am now able to properly manage an eye unit. I think that the most important thing is knowledge and to be able to apply it for the good of the poor population in my area.*



## INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR EYE HEALTH

The International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH) was established by Professor Barrie Jones in 1980 at the Institute of Ophthalmology. ICEH moved to the LSHTM in 2002, where it is led by Professor Allen Foster and forms part of the Department of Clinical Research in the Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases. The main aim of the ICEH is to facilitate a reduction in blindness with a particular emphasis on low income countries. There are an estimated 45 million blind people in the world and 314 million are visually impaired - and the majority of these people live in low income countries (based on WHO factsheet 2009).

At least 75% of blind people can have their sight restored, or are blind from preventable causes. In 1999 the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly launched "VISION 2020: The Right to Sight". The goal of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight is to eliminate unnecessary blindness, promote good vision and thereby improve the quality of life of people with visual loss. The work of ICEH supports the goals of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight.