

# Call for Emerging Voices for Global Health 2018 (EV4GH 2018)

At

## The FIFTH Global Health Symposium on Health Systems Research

**‘Advancing Health Systems for All in the Sustainable Development Goal Era’**

The Fifth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research will take place in Liverpool on 8-12 October 2018

### About the Emerging Voices for Global Health

Emerging Voices for Global Health (EV4GH) is an innovative multi-partner blended training program for young, promising and emerging health policy & systems researchers, decision makers and other health system actors with an interest to become influential global health voices and/or local change makers. EV4GH coaches “Emerging Voices” to participate actively in international conferences where global health issues are addressed and to raise their voice in scientific and policy debates.

Five previous EV4GH editions were organized, linked to an international or regional global health event. In 2010 EV4GH was linked to the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Montreux, in 2012 to the Second Global Symposium in Beijing, in 2013 to the AIDS in Africa Conference (ICASA) in Cape Town, in 2014 to the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Cape Town and in 2016 to the Fourth Global Symposium in Vancouver. Till now, 232 Emerging Voices from 53 countries have passed through the programme and are playing leadership roles in their countries and beyond.

For more information about previous editions see the EV4GH [website](#).

### EV4GH 2018 tracks for young researchers and other health system actors

The EV4GH programme is managed by an internationally representative governance committee consisting of EV alumni elected by previous EV4GH participants and a few invited members from academia (from EV partner institutes, mostly).

For EV 2018, we work closely with the Liverpool Symposium Local Organising Committee and Health Systems Global and shall create opportunities for and support young health researchers, decision makers and other health actors to stage their work at the Fifth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research. An **Emerging Voices consortium** has been established with a secretariat hosted at the Institute of Public Health Bangalore (India) and several partner institutions including (in alphabetical order)

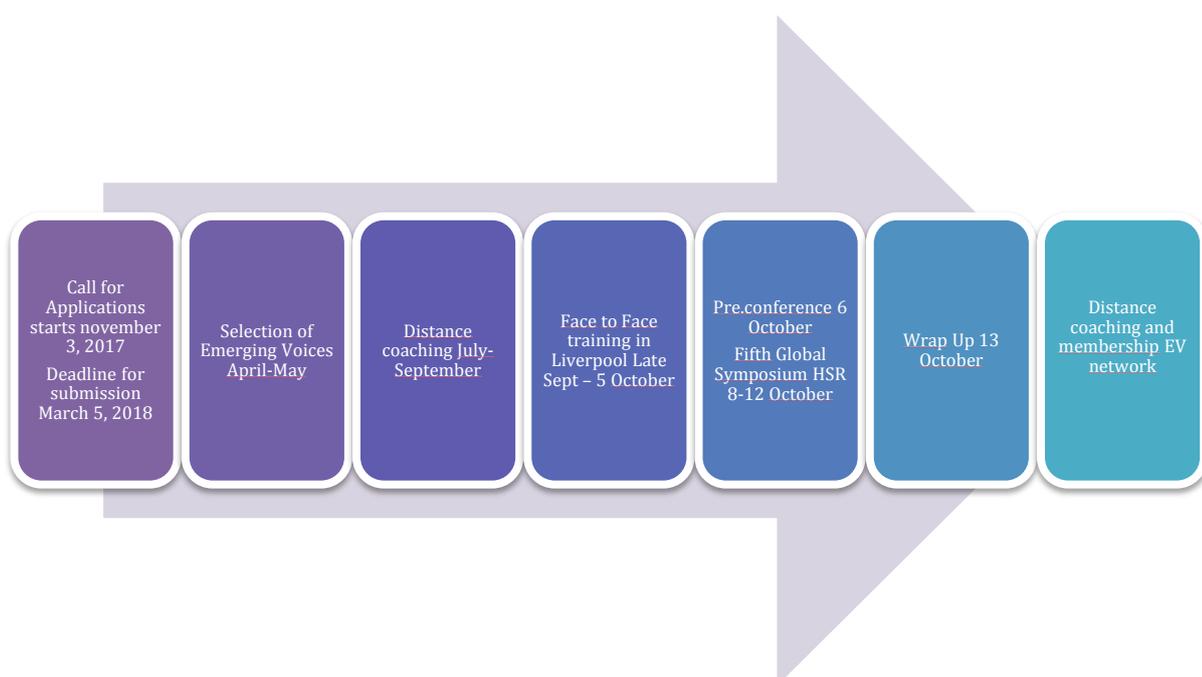
- Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Antwerp, Belgium
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi, India
- Peking University Health Science Center, Beijing, China
- The University of Cape Town (UCT), Cape Town, South Africa

For the EV4GH 2018 venture, we invite young researchers as well as other health system actors to **choose one of two tracks** to apply (see details below on how to apply).

### What is the EV4GH training?

For both tracks, the full EV4GH 2018 venture consists of:

- 1) E-coaching and distance learning in preparation of a face-to-face training (July - Sept 2018)
- 2) Face-to-face training: scientific presentation, networking and communication skills coaching using innovative formats, and content training & field visit to the National Health Service (Liverpool, end of September - 5 October 2018)
- 3) Young researchers (& other changemakers') pre-conference (6 October 2018)
- 4) Participation in the Fifth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (Liverpool, 8-12 October 2018)
- 5) Wrap-up – focusing on Emerging 'beyond Liverpool' (Liverpool, 13 October 2018)
- 6) Membership of EV4GH network and other thematic working groups of Health Systems Global



## **What does the EV4GH 2018 venture offer to young researchers, decision-makers and other health system actors?**

1. Develop writing, presentation, moderation, networking, social media and other communication skills through innovative training formats (during the distance & face-to-face stage), to enable publication in journals, global health blogs or on social media and become more effective on the global stage.
2. Test the newly acquired skills in a pre-conference (with some invited senior researchers & policy makers).
3. Introduce and advance young health system researchers' content knowledge about global health governance, health policy & systems research and other topics related to the theme of the Liverpool symposium, including via interaction with senior people in the field during the F2F stage.
4. Facilitate participation of young health researchers, decision makers and other health system professionals and change makers in the Fifth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Liverpool (including via posters, oral presentations, social media and as rapporteurs).
5. Network with other young researchers, professionals, peers as well as senior researchers, policy makers and experts in health systems and Global health.
6. Become part of the Emerging Voices for Global Health Network with members working all over the world, and receive information on opportunities to participate in workshops, courses and conferences. Involve Alumni EVs in capacity building, research collaborations and national & international partnerships.

## **Expected Outcomes EV4GH 2018**

Expected outputs/outcomes for Emerging Voices participants (depending on the track):

- Poster presentation (track 1)
- Oral presentation during pre-conference (in an innovative format) (both tracks)
- Active participation in the Liverpool Symposium (both tracks)
- Blogs, publication, ... (both tracks)
- \* Improved knowledge of tools & strategies to become a more effective activist, knowledge broker, health journalist, ... (track 2)

## **Applications EV4GH 2018**

### **Who can apply?**

There will be two tracks for which participants can apply to be an EV 2018. While one track is reserved for researchers involved in health policy and systems research, the other track seeks to attract health professionals, activists, decision or policy-makers and/or other health systems actors.

All applicants must have been **born on or after 1 January 1978**

### **Track 1: Researcher track**

Applicants **must** submit an abstract for the Liverpool conference and have at least two of the following:

- A Master's degree in health or a health-related field
- Be enrolled in a doctoral-level programme in health or a health-related field
- At least two-year work or research experience in public health or development
- Experience and/or knowledge from working in LMICs

### **Track 2: Other health system actors' track**

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- Be involved in a decision-making, implementation or practitioner role within health services or systems
- Be a passionate voice for strengthening health systems within their local/national health systems in the role of activists, health journalists or patient advocates or otherwise involved in advancing health equity and social justice in their regions.

For both tracks, **special consideration will be given to people who explicitly include the political dimension of health systems and services in their work, and challenge power in whatever form, based on good evidence.**

Focus will be on **applicants from the Global South especially LMICs**, but candidates from the global north can also apply (they need to have relevant field experience in the global South, though, and work on health policy & systems research in the South).

The EV4GH programme is in English. Participants thus **need a reasonable command of English** to participate.

If you fit this profile and you can participate in the EV4GH training including a full two-three week period in Liverpool from late September - 13 October 2018, you are invited to apply.

## **Requirements**

### **Track 1: Researcher applicants**

1. **Abstract** (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words). (*In English, or if you submitted an abstract in French/Spanish, do translate into English*).
2. Short **CV** (maximum two A4 pages); if you want, you can also add the link to a short (maximum 3 minutes, Youtube or Youku) video explaining the work you're doing & research (optional).

3. A well-elaborated **motivation letter** (maximum 400 words) explaining why you want to participate in the EV4GH 2018 training. The motivation letter is crucial and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent Emerging Voice candidate. Explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should include 2 references (name, contact details).

After uploading the abstract on the Liverpool symposium website and receiving acknowledgement, please use [THIS LINK](#) to complete your application for EV 2018 researcher track. Please note that you will need the unique ID from the Liverpool symposium abstract submission for completing this application.

### **Track 2: Other health system actor applications (For decision maker/knowledge brokers, activists, health journalists and other health systems actors)**

1. Short **CV** (maximum two A4 pages)
2. A short **motivation letter** (max 400 words) explaining why you'd make an excellent Emerging Voice, although not a young researcher.
3. An **essay** (reflection) on policy implementation (or activist/brokering/journalism) challenges experienced in the work context, linked to one of the themes of the symposium (Maximum 1500 words)

Or:

A **video** no longer than 3 minutes uploaded on Youtube in which the participant makes a case for the message he/she would like to bring to the Liverpool symposium. The video can be uploaded on Youtube/Youko in "private" mode if the participant does not want to make the video public and the link may be shared in the application

For health system actor track, apply using the link [here](#) keeping the above documents ready.

### **How to apply**

The full application process consists of 2 steps for Track 1:

1. Application via submission of an Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words) through the [Symposium](#) website
2. Fill the google form and email to [ev4gh@iphindia.org](mailto:ev4gh@iphindia.org) following attachments 1) the (same) abstract you submitted to the symposium (+ translated abstract, if abstract in French or Spanish), 2) Short CV, 3) Motivation letter

For Track 2:

1. Fill the google form and email to [ev4gh@iphindia.org](mailto:ev4gh@iphindia.org) following attachments 1) Short CV, 2) Motivation letter, 3) Essay, or 4) Video/ Link

All the above should be completed at the latest by 5 March 2018.

## Travel grants:

A limited number of full and partial scholarships may be awarded to successful EVs. The scholarships shall be prioritised for LMICs participants whereas participants from universities and research institutions from the North are expected to raise partial/full resources for their participation.

EV selection cannot guarantee a successful & timely visa process, unfortunately, so if selected, we encourage participants to start visa application asap.

