



PHA3 DAILY NEWSBRIEF

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SOLIDARITY IN THE MOVEMENT EMERGES FROM PHA3

Attention:

Airport Transfers

Airport transfers have been arranged through 12 July. Please check the notice board or contact Ingrid for further information.

March in Cape Town

PHA3 delegates will march in Cape Town on 11 July. Buses will leave from the Main Plaza area at 12:30.

PHM Merchandise for Sale

T-shirts, Notebooks, GHW3

Contribute to this Newsletter

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As the PHA3 closes, it is evident that there is a strong contingent of people all over the world who are willing to fight to make the right to health a reality for every human being. Whether it be access to healthcare, freedom from environmental destruction or fair and healthy working conditions, we are all united by this common goal.

Solidarity has emerged as a strong undercurrent of this Assembly. The threat to health globally has evolved in a devastating way and has also grown tremendously since the last People's Health Assembly. Violations of the right to health manifest in different ways in different places, but we must stand in solidarity in against those propagate these actions.

Throughout plenaries, subplenaries, workshops and informal discussions among participants, the truth that all of

the causes of health rights violations are connected has resonated deeply across regions and nations. We share the same worries; we suffer the same harm; we strive to protect each other.

Looking to our several histories as a guide to the way forward brings us into further solidarity as a movement. Taking steps together to educate our fellow human beings and sensitizing them to the financial, environmental, social, political and other threats to the right to health brings us together as a movement.

As the People's Health Movement, this sentiment that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" abides deeply within us. It has become evident at this PHA3 that stand in solidarity to fight for one another in our respective homes and as a collective of citizens of the world.

SPECIAL THANKS TO UWC, VOLUNTEERS

This PHA has been a great success! It has been a wonderful experience of the spirit of the University of the Western Cape and Cape Town through the gracious efforts of the University and volunteers.

Thank you to UWC for allowing our Assembly to take place at your beautiful campus. And a warm thank you to all of the volunteers. You have been an essential part of making our experience a most excellent one!



FAIR AND HEALTHY WORK BRINGS A DIVERSE PERSPECTIVE

Contributed by Patricia West

Diversity was the theme of the Work and the Right to Health Subplenary. The panel was organized by Dorothy Tegeler from PHM USA, and featured Ntombiyakhe Mfiki from Industrial Health Research Group South Africa, Amulya Nidhi from Shilpi Kendra India, Sharon Messina and Glynis Rhodes from Women on Farms Project South Africa, and Patricia West from Sex Workers Outreach Project USA. A summary and analysis of work as a social determinant of health was provided by Mauricio Torres of ALAMES and Tim Joye of Doctors for the People.

Ntombiyakhe spoke passionately to the needs of health care workers, which included a moving testimony from anonymous health care workers in South Africa. She stressed that these workers' health must

also be adequately supported in a sustainable health system.

Amulya gave an informative presentation on migrant workers in the stone crushing industry in India who experience silicosis, a disease from breathing in dust. Shilpi Kendra has struggled to force the government and industry to recognize the illnesses and deaths as work-related, seeking compensation for the victims and improved working conditions.

Sharon and Glynis spoke on the health and organization of women on farms in South Africa. Their message included a request for more attention paid to gender equality and a critique of the prioritization of men's health.

Patricia gave testimony of her experience as a prostitute and as a sex worker rights activist. She listed the main determinants of health for sex workers as location of the work, severity of criminalization, and

the worker's isolation. She called for support of decriminalization of prostitution.

Tim spoke about the reciprocal relationship between health and labor movements, and Mauricio summarized the myriad connections between work and health, which go well beyond the traditional conception of occupational health and safety.

Attendees of the subplenary expressed support for the causes and interest in pursuing further collaboration. One attendee remarked that Patricia's conceptual framework on barriers to health for sex workers could be used all over the world and in other sectors.

For people interested in joining Dorothy, Ntombiyakhe, Amulya, Sharon, Glynis, Patricia, Tim, Mauricio, and others in a new PHM group on Fair and Healthy Work, please email Dorothy at dorothy@hesperian.org.

SPREAD THE WORD: INEQUITY IS MAKING US SICK!

Contributed by Lily Walkover

Help us spread the world about the impact of inequity on health with a new social media campaign!

Students from the International People's Health University (held immediately before the Third People's Health Assembly) in Cape Town voted on and designed a social media campaign to

spread the word that 'inequity is making us sick'. Please help us share the message widely -- on Facebook and Twitter, or any other platform. Encourage your friends to pass the word along as well!

You can find the posts on social media, or access the images directly at the PHM website.



Follow these links to access the posts:

English: www.phmovement.org/en/node/6524

French: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/node/6526>

Spanish: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/node/6525>

