

# Equal North: Research and Practice network

The aim of the Equal North network is to build a community of academics, researchers and practitioners across the north of England who share a common interest in addressing health and social inequalities.



In February 2014, Public Health England commissioned the Due North Report - an independent inquiry into health equity in the North. The Inquiry Panel brought together different expertise and perspectives from the North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humber and it produced 4 key recommendations: (1) Tackle poverty and economic inequality within the North and between the North and the rest of England; (2) Promote healthy development in early childhood; (3) Share power over resources and increase the influence that the public has on how resources are used to improve the determinants of health; (4) Strengthen the role of the health sector in promoting health equity. This network aims to support Public Health England in taking forward the Due North Report recommendations.

## What does it offer?

Becoming a member will provide you with strong links to other academics and practitioners with a common interest in health and social inequality. It offers:

- ❖ Information about key events in 2016/17

### **North of England Health Inequalities Conference**

University of Hull, 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### **Equal North: how can we reduce health inequalities in the North? (Fuse Quarterly Research Meeting)**

Durham University, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Equal North Network Meeting – North West**

Location TBC, March 2017

- ❖ An **identified network** of academics, policy makers and practitioners across the North including an online directory with names and contact details of network members
- ❖ To facilitate new **collaborations** to address gaps, issues and challenges linked to social and health inequalities
- ❖ Future **research opportunities**
- ❖ A space to share **best practice**, information, knowledge and expertise

## Joining

To join Equal North please complete the **registration form** at <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=10481>

## Team

**Fuse** is the UKCRC Centre for Excellence in Translational Research in Public Health. Funded by the UKCRC since our establishment in 2008, we are a virtual network of the five North East Universities. Our mission is to transform health and well-being and reduce health inequalities across the life course through the conduct of world class public health research and its translation into value-for-money policy and practice.

**LiLaC** is the Liverpool and Lancaster Universities Collaboration for Public Health Research (LiLaC), it specializes in applied public health research to tackle the social determinants of inequalities in health. Co-directed by Professors Jennie Popay and Margaret Whitehead, LiLaC draws on a multi-disciplinary team of over 30 researchers from the two universities carrying out evaluative research in health and inequalities.

**SCHARR** (The School of Health & Related Research) at the University of Sheffield is a centre of excellence in applied health services and public health research with over 300 multidisciplinary staff. Our strengths lie in health inequalities, evidence synthesis, health economics and decision-science. We lead the CLAHRC for Yorkshire & Humber.

**Professor Eileen Kaner (Newcastle University)** is a Professor of Public Health and Primary Care Research, a Fuse senior investigator and a behavioural scientist with expertise in multiple risk behavior including substance use and mental health problems across the life-course.

**Dr Suzanne Moffatt (Newcastle University)** is a social scientist with expertise in social gerontology and investigating the health impact of austerity and welfare changes; she leads the Fuse Healthy Ageing Research Programme and 'Inequality, health and wellbeing' theme of Newcastle University's Institute for Social Renewal.

**Dr Ben Barr (University of Liverpool)** is a Senior Clinical Lecturer investigating the health inequalities impact of social and welfare policies. He was a panel member of the Due North Inquiry.

**Dr Michelle Addison (Newcastle University) and Dr Frances Hillier-Brown (Durham University)** are researchers working in the area of health inequalities.

**Professor Clare Bambra (Durham University)** is an Associate Director of Fuse and the health inequalities theme lead. Her research examines interventions to reduce health inequalities with a particular focus on the domains of worklessness and welfare. She was a panel member of the Due North Inquiry.

**Professor Sarah Salway (University of Sheffield)** is Professor of Public Health. Her research addresses the wider determinants of health inequalities as well as inequitable access to healthcare services, and takes a particular focus on gender and ethnicity and their intersection with socioeconomic disadvantage

**Dr Paula Holland (Lancaster University)** is a Lecturer in Public Health. Her research focuses on social inequalities in health, and the impact of chronic illness and disability on employment and quality of life.

## Contact

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