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*Cosmas Bunywera, Peek Healthcare Worker in the Nakuru Eye Disease Cohort Study.*

# International Eye Health

Short Course: 3 - 7 July 2017

Improving health worldwide



*Visual acuity testing in a School, Brazil.*

## The International Centre for Eye Health

The International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH) is based at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine where it is led by Professors Clare Gilbert and Allen Foster. It is part of the Clinical Research Department in the Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases.

The primary aim of the ICEH is to facilitate a reduction in blindness with a particular emphasis on low-income countries. In 1999 the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the World Health Organization jointly launched VISION 2020: The Right to Sight.

The goal of VISION 2020 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.

### How to Apply

Applicants should complete the online application form available on the course webpage:  
[www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/spv.html](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/spv.html)

### Registry

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### Course Organisers

Professor Allen Foster and Dr Andrew Bastawrous

### Course Outline

The main purposes of the workshop will be to familiarise participants with:

- the aims, objectives and strategies of the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight programme
- the principles of planning involved in implementing district and national level eye care programmes
- how the PEEK technology (portable eye examination kit) can be used in eye care programmes

The course programme will look at survey methodologies and strategies for control of the major blinding diseases. Time will be allocated to group work to plan eye care programmes for specific target populations.

### Who Should Attend?

This course is intended for ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic nurses and programme managers interested in strategies to reduce diseases leading to visual impairment with an emphasis on middle and low income settings.

### Teaching Methods and Course Materials

The course will be taught by staff of the International Centre for Eye Health in the Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases. A comprehensive manual will be provided to accompany the presentations.

### Accreditation and Methods of Assessment

There is no formal assessment but at the conclusion of the course, a certificate of attendance will be provided. The course will receive continuing professional development accreditation from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists under category B. The course has been accredited with 35 CPD points.



*Teacher doing vision test at school*



*Peek healthcare worker examines patient in her own home*

### Course Aims

To familiarise participants with the Principles of Planning and Universal Eye Care to address Visual Impairment; the strategies to control the main causes of visual loss; and the utilisation of PEEK technology in eye care.

### Course Fee

The fee for the course is **£1,100**. This fee covers participation in the course and the course materials. It does not include travel costs, accommodation or meals. If the course fee is to be paid on the participant's behalf, please send a letter from the sponsors to confirm this as soon as possible. Otherwise, participants will be held responsible for payment.

The fee is payable by **2 June 2017** and attendance on the course may not begin until the fee is paid in full. Cancellation of attendance on a course after the fee deadline may lead to a loss of all or part of the fee.

### Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining any visa or other permissions to attend the course, and are encouraged to start the application process as early as possible, as obtaining visas can take many weeks. The Registry can provide supporting documentation if requested.

### Accommodation and Meals

A list of hotels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be supplied on request to the Registry. Lunch can be purchased from the School's refectory. Evening meals are not catered for, but there is a large choice of restaurants, cafés and shops nearby.

### Objectives

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand and describe the epidemiology of visual impairment
- Understand the principles of Universal Health and Health Systems
- Be familiar with VISION 2020 and the Global Action Plan for Visual Impairment
- Understand and describe the strategies for controlling visual loss from the major blinding diseases
- Be familiar with the VISION 2020 LINKS programme and the opportunities for involvement
- Be familiar with PEEK technology as used in surveys and screening