

Invitation to interdisciplinary workshop on 'Loss in Childbearing' in Sub Saharan Africa and South Asia

This is an invitation for a two day interdisciplinary workshop on 'loss in childbearing' in Sub Saharan Africa and South Asia, to be held at the University of Edinburgh, in **September 2008**. The workshop is intended for scholars working in the social and medical sciences (especially public health and health promotion). The workshop aims to identify the possibilities and limitations for interdisciplinary work on three kinds of loss in childbearing: loss of the child (abortion, miscarriage, stillbirths, perinatal mortality), loss of the mother (maternal mortality) and loss of childbearing potential (infertility). See the attached information leaflet for more details.

If possible, papers presented will be converted into an edited book or special issue of a journal (e.g Reproductive Health Matters, Social Science and Medicine). Thus, papers presented should be specially prepared for the workshop and must not have been published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere.

The workshop itself will be free of costs, and funding for accommodation and travel expenses for participants will be sought. Unfortunately, the amount of funding available will not be known until the end of March. Scholars from developing countries will be given priority in allocation of funds. If you are able to secure your own funding, this will be highly appreciated and it would be helpful if you could let me know if this is the case as soon as possible.

If you are interested, please return the expression of interest form (see link) **before the 1st of February 2008**, by post or email. The form asks for a title and abstract (minor changes may be made at a later stage). Papers will be due by the beginning of August 2008 (exact date to be confirmed).

Feel free to forward this email to others who may be interested and whose work fits in with the theme of the workshop.

I envisage that the workshop will have around 15 to 18 participants. In case more scholars are interested, I may have to make a selection on the basis of correspondence between the workshop's theme and abstract. Participation will be confirmed by the end of March or beginning of April, dependent on when the results of funding applications are known.

I look forward to hear from you,

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