



Minutes of the Leicester-Gondar Executive Group Meeting held on 8th November 2018, 5pm

Attendees: Mike Silverman (Chair), Peter Houtman, Elaine Carter, Christine Illiffe, Nick Brown, Jan Moore, Kathy Astbury

1. **Apologies:** Heather Dipple, Laurence Wicks, Carol Greenway, Doug Tincello, Sandra Kemp, Jack Hunter

Prior to the start of the meeting Mike informed members that Dr Mark Goodwin, LGL member, died suddenly 24th August. Heather Dipple attended Mark's funeral on behalf of the LGL/HALE. Our condolences including sympathy messages from LGL members (UK and in Gondar) were sent to Mrs Goodwin.

2. **Minutes from the meeting held 12th July 2018** were agreed as a true record

3. **Matters Arising: Grant Updates -**

- Any grant applications that require assistance from the LGL should include 2% of the monies awarded to support LGL administration costs (as agreed by the HALE Trustees 30th July 2018).

4. **Administration:**

- HALE Safeguarding Policy approved by HALE Trustees (30/7/18). Published on the LGL website, <https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub/administration>.
- The Taye Belay Hotel, Gondar, has changed its room rate policy. It appears that if the University of Gondar is settling LGL visitors account the charge is 500 ETB (£15) per night B&B (single/double). If LGL visitors are settling the account the charge is 66 USD (£50) double or 58 USD (£44) single room per night B&B. Alternative accommodation at the Lammergeyer Hotel or the Ruth Hotel is suggested.

5. Project Updates: 12th July – 8th November 2018

ACTION - Members are asked to confirm which projects are currently 'Active'

- Play Project - Gondar (Elaine Carter/Louise Ballard)

Project Reporting Form attached.

- HIV Mother to Child (Christine Iliffe)

Project Reporting Form attached.

- Bio-Medical Engineering (Nick Brown)

A new team of technicians and engineers started last year in Gondar. Nick continues to be in contact/provide support via email.

- LGOP / Orthopaedic Operating Room, Gondar & Trauma Management (Richard Power/Laurence Wicks)

RP visited Gondar 7th – 12th October 2018

LW visting Gondar 19th – 23rd November 2018

- Mental Health (Heather Dipple/Lynn Wroe)

HD/LW visited Gondar 14th – 27th October 2018

KA on behalf of HD advised LGL members of current key contacts in Gondar –

Dr Sisay – Head of Gondar Hospital / Vice President University of Gondar

Clinical Director - Dr Fissela (Ophthalmologist)

Academic Director - Dr Geshaw

Research Director – post vacant

Business Development Director - unknown

- University Projects (Mike Barer/Pat Heslop-Harrison)

PHH (via email) advised UoL links with Gondar are still 'active'. Unfortunately the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) bid involving the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, was not successful.

6. Visits to Gondar

- Mental Health (Heather Dipple, Lynn Wroe, Robyne McCarthy) – October 2018
- Play Project (Elaine Carter, Louise Ballard and Mike Silverman) – November 2018
- LGOP (Richard Power & Laurence Wicks) – November 2018

7. Fundraising Plans & Events:

- Quiz Evening, Leicester Squash Club – 30th November June 2018 (HALE Mental Health). This event has been postponed.

Health Action Leicester for Ethiopia (HALE) –

- London Marathon 2019 – Sunday 28th April 2019. 1 runner place awarded to Helen Tunnicliffe (physiotherapist). Any donations gratefully received, please visit - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenTunnicliffe4>
- Great North Run 2019 – Sunday 8th September 2019. 5 runner places awarded, 3 of which are available for nominations. Please email your interest to Kathy (ka289@le.ac.uk).

8. Finance Report:

HALE/LGL Unrestricted funds currently stand at £8,236.

Peter informed members that David Mills will be taking over as the LGL/HALE Treasurer following the HALE Trustees meeting 26th November 2018. Mike thanked Peter for his 22+ years of support in this role.

9. Any Other Business:

- LGL Newsletter – next issue expected November 2018
ACTION – LGL members are asked to submit their submission articles to KA (A4 including photographs)
- HALE and Jimma Link, NUH (www.nuh.nhs.uk/jimma-link) meeting, Thursday 20th September, 6.30pm has been postponed, date to be re-arranged January 2019.
- Thank you to members who use, and reminder to members, of the fundraising avenues available to HALE that can be used when shopping online – www.smileamazon.co.uk, www.easyfundraising.org.uk and www.giveasyoulive.com.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 21st March 2019, 5pm, room 1.38
George Davies Centre (GDC), 15 Lancaster Road, LE1 7HA
Maurice Shock car park (opposite the GDC)