

Box 1: What do people want from GECCo?

Networking and collaboration with people/organisations involved in global health

Platform to signpost and share global health resources, opportunities & research developments

Inspiring stories of experience in the field of global health

Practical sessions e.g.: sustainable working in global health; how to set up similar collaboratives

An open-door policy for anyone with an interest to join

Opportunities to receive mentorship

Box 2: What do people not want from GECCo?

A closed or exclusive group for only those with overseas experience

Purely a travel agency for clinical work overseas or promotion of "voluntourism"

A "colonial" approach to global health

A vehicle for demonstrating altruism/"do-good"ing

Replication of what exists already

A narrow focus on global health such as: only emergency response or only international work

Box 3: Logistics of GECCo activity

Frequency of meetings

The general consensus came in at somewhere between biannual and quarterly contact

Format of meetings

Large emphasis was placed on the networking element of the events with other aspects such as training, educational, table-top exercises and keynotes mentioned but less so.

Theming of content was suggested in areas such as: stories of global health experience practical/logistical insights, ethics of working in global health and academic opportunities

Timing and cost of meetings

2-3 hour events on a weekday evening, with a stratified entry fee (e.g. free for students) of between £5 and £10.

Communication

Most responses suggested email as a preferred method, with some suggestion of interactive message boards. Social media was popular however with limited content and avoidance of over-communication

Box 4: Development of online resources

A database of links to relevant global health resources (including education), events and people

Website - with a clear purpose

Research resources

Capacity for two-way engagement i.e. posting information or queries