

Prof. John Middleton



John is Honorary Professor of Public Health at Wolverhampton University. He is President of the Faculty of Public Health, the standard setting body for public health professionals in the UK. He was Director of Public Health for Sandwell in the West Midlands of England for 26 years; when he retired in 2014 he was the longest serving DPH ever in the UK. He presented at a number of ASPHER conferences in the mid 2000s, but came back to the issues of European public health training and development during his time as Vice President for the UK Faculty of Public Health 2010-2015. He has presented at ASPHER Dean's Retreats since 2014. He was elected as an executive member of the ASPHER Board in May 2016. He was awarded

Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (London) in September 2015. He lives in Coventry in the West Midlands and has four grown up children and four grandchildren. In another life he is a blues harmonica player with albums on spotify and apple music. www.drharp.co.uk

Personal statement

During my involvement with ASPHER I have supported directly the development of ASPHER's agendas for professionalisation, development of capacity and competency and for improving our effectiveness as advocates for the health of the public. I have been able to support national public health authorities or schools of public health in more than 10 countries. I have been active with the European Observatory producing materials for publication this year on organisation and finance of public health and workforce development in Europe ([see link](#)).

My Faculty and I have been active trying to secure the best possible conditions for the public's health in the UK after Brexit, and for Europe as a whole.

Public health problems do not obey national boundaries. Infectious diseases, pollution, environmental degradation effect us all. Commercial multi-national corporate vested interests will peddle ill health and addictions wherever they are not controlled and regulated, spreading their path of misery and human destruction through non-communicable disease. Health and social care systems cannot cope, and cannot be expected to pickup the pieces of lifetimes of unhealthy inactivity. The health of the planet is at enormous risk and we must secure partnership efforts to tackle violent conflict, climate change, and degradation of our environmental resources. I believe there has never been a more important time for public health professionals and services and there has never been a greater need for our work. We need to be united as a public health community across Europe. We need to speak well of each other, support each other, develop our ethical and professional frameworks and codes and be courageous, politically astute and publicly effective in the cause of improving and protecting the health of the people we serve.

If I am elected, I will seek to serve and support all our member schools and associates, to improve and protect the health of all the people we serve- in our European, and our global community. Thank you.

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Relevant presentations on European public health concerns, Brexit and planetary health and public health system, capacity, training and professionalization.

- 1) Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region, ASPHER Deans retreat, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Zagreb, Croatia. May 28th-30th 2014. Participant on behalf of UK Faculty of Public Health. Contributions on professionalization, standards, curriculum and workforce development. Private workshop contributor, Essential public health operations 7 workforce development.
- 2) Current issues for professional development and training, group discussion. Al Quds University Public Health Department and Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region ASPHER, East Jerusalem, June 1st 2015.
- 3) Current issues in public health training panel discussion. Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) Deans Retreat, Jerusalem June 2-4th 2015.
- 4) Current issues for professional development and training, presentation and group discussion. Al Quds University Public Health Department, Gaza, and Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region ASPHER, June 5th 2015.
- 5) Current issues in public health training and development: threats to health. Discussant, panel discussion. 1st Polish Public Health Association annual congress. With Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER). Wroclaw, Poland, November 26th 2015.
- 6) ISIS crop failure and no antibiotics: training for the future of the public’s health. Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region. Dean’s Retreat, Athens, May 2016. https://www.slideshare.net/johnmiddleton7965/isis-crop-failure-and-no-antibiotics-training-for-the-future-of-the-publics-health?qid=dae56839-7421-4094-a1b3-1df6fe6968d7&v=&b=&from_search=6
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- 11) Secure, healthy , inclusive and green: four dividends of a healthier future. The 2017 Milroy Lecture of the Royal College of Physicians of London. October 23rd 2017.

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13) <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/catchup-events/video-archiv>

14) The future's bright, the future's public health. Wolverhampton University, inaugural lecture. At Health Futures University Technical College, West Bromwich, November 15th 2017.

<https://www.slideshare.net/johnmiddleton7965/the-futures-bright-the-futures-public-health>

15) 3rd Annual Polish Public Health Congress, Wroclaw, December 1st 2017. The state of health in Europe and what are the major threats for the future?

<https://www.slideshare.net/johnmiddleton7965/the-state-of-health-in-europe-and-what-are-the-major-threats-for-the-future>

16) Brexit and the public health. Faculty of Public Health Medicine Ireland Conference. Dublin, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, December 6th 2017.

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