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Dr Ukachukwu Abaraogu

Ukachukwu is a postdoctoral researcher within the centre for living school of health and life sciences Glasgow Caledonian University, GCU. He gained his Bachelor's and Master's in Physiotherapy from the University of Nigeria (2007), and the University of Lagos (2012). In 2013 Ukachukwu became a lecturer in physiotherapy at the University of Nigeria after several years as a clinical physiotherapist. He came to the UK in 2015, and completed a PhD on developing intervention to increase physical activity in patients with intermittent claudication at GCU. In GCU, he is currently involved in the CSO funded PrEPaid trial to determine the feasibility of electrical stimulation via a low-cost CE-marked device used within a patient centred education programme to improve physical activity in patients with intermittent claudication.

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Dr Yvonne Dempsie

Yvonne graduated from the University of Glasgow with a BSc (Hons) Pharmacology before gaining her PhD from the University of Nottingham. Yvonne then moved back to the University of Glasgow to work as post-doctoral researcher before taking up a lectureship at Glasgow Caledonian University. Yvonne's research focuses on finding novel therapeutic targets for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. Yvonne is the British Pharmacological Society's Ambassador for the Glasgow area and is passionate about public engagement with science.

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Dr Elena Dimova

Elena is a Postdoctoral researcher at Glasgow Caledonian University. Her BAs and MSc were in Psychology and Health Psychology, and she is a Graduate member of the British Psychological Society. Elena's research interests focus on the factors that influence human behaviour change, especially in relation to alcohol consumption and type 2 diabetes. Her PhD looked at why some people change behaviour in response to diagnosis of type 2 diabetes while others do not. She currently works in the field of substance use and has previously been involved in designing interventions to reduce alcohol consumption in different groups.

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Dr Christine Hazelton

I am an early career researcher, with 18 years' clinical experience as an Optometrist. My research area is visual impairment caused by stroke: I am working to improve assessment and treatment methods, so stroke survivors can achieve the best possible quality of life. I value the strong links I have with vision and stroke care professionals from the NHS, Social Care and charities across Scotland. My current activities include: developing new collaborations, research projects and funding applications; co-leading a unique neuro-rehabilitation clinic within the Vision Centre; supervising two PhD students and activities to improve peer support for GCU researchers.

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Dr Clementine Hill O'Connor

Clementine is a Research Fellow at the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University. Her research interests include public participation, citizenship, community development and social justice. Clementine has experience of working across multi-disciplinary teams involved in the evaluation and evidencing of impact of community based interventions. This includes the MRC-ESRC funded, 'Developing methods for evidencing social enterprise as a public health intervention' and a Scottish Government funded evaluation of Participatory Budgeting. Clementine is currently the lead researcher on the evaluation of Participation Requests and Asset Transfer Requests, two key parts of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act.

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Dr Danielle Hutcheon (née Kelly)

Prior to working at GCU, Danielle received an MA (Hons) in Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh, and completed her PhD at Liverpool John Moores University focusing on young people's substance use and sexual health. From 2015-2018 Danielle was a researcher on the MRC-ESRC funded CommonHealth project, evidencing the health and wellbeing impacts of social enterprise activity in rural communities in Scotland. Currently, Danielle is the lead researcher on the Big Lottery funded 'Sheds for Sustainable Development' project which aims to evidence the development challenges that Men's Sheds are facing, as well as the health and wellbeing impacts on their users.

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Dr Fiona Kerr

Dr Fiona Kerr is a Research Fellow in the Department of Biological & Biomedical Sciences at GCU. Following her PhD at Kings College London, she spent 10 years as a PDRA at University College London then one year as a Lecturer at Edinburgh Napier University. Her research interest is in understanding the molecular causes of dementia, using cell and molecular biology techniques, with the aim of identifying new targets for disease-altering drugs. Away from the bench she is a Carnegie Trust Research Assessor (STEM panel), ARUK Scotland Network Board Member (Glasgow) and Scottish Universities Life Sciences Association (SULSA) ECR Representative.

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Dr Jen MacDonald

I am a Research Fellow in the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Research Group at GCU, evaluating the implementation of HIV PrEP across Scotland. Before that, I worked on various applied infection prevention and control projects as a Research Associate with the Safeguarding Health through Infection Prevention team. I completed my PhD on factors influencing 'at-risk' older adults' condom use intentions at GCU in 2017. Prior to coming to GCU, I did my BSc Psychology and MSc Health Psychology at University of Stirling. My interests are in infectious diseases, psychological theories/models of behaviour, and intervention development, implementation, and evaluation.

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Dr Tom Montgomery

Dr Tom Montgomery is a postdoctoral researcher at the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University. His research focuses on issues of labour market policy, solidarity, and social movements. Previously he was the researcher on the Horizon 2020 project 'TransSOL' (Transnational Solidarity in Times of Crisis). He is currently focused specifically on issues of labour market integration (via the Horizon 2020 project 'SIRIUS': Skills and Integration of Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Applicants in European Labour Markets) and the gig economy (via the comparative project 'GIG' funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies).

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Dr Chris Seenan

Senior Lecturer, Researcher and Physiotherapist with a specialist interest in pain science, cardiovascular disease, amputee management and the psychosocial aspects of health and disease. He has particular expertise and interest in electrical stimulation, patient-centred education and other low-cost, non-invasive, patient-centred interventions and exploring the effects of these interventions on free-living physical activity, function, quality of life, secondary prevention and the psychosocial aspects of chronic conditions. He is currently investigating the effects of Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) and patient-centred education on pain and physical activity in patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) and Intermittent Claudication (IC), funded by the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) <https://ukctg.nihr.ac.uk/trials/trial-details/trial-details?trialNumber=NCT03204825>

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