

| Name | Position | Organization/Affiliation | Biography |
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| Femi Otitoju | Founder; Managing Director | EW Group | <p>A charismatic and inspirational leader, Femi is a diversity and inclusion specialist with a career spanning 35 years. She combines a scientific background with persuasive and engaging training skills. She founded Challenge Consultancy in 1985 to provide high quality training and consulting services initially to the public and the not-for-profit, sectors. In 2021, Challenge Consultancy joined forces with the EW Group to form the leading full-service diversity consultancy in the UK.</p> <p>https://theewgroup.com/about/people/femi-otitoju/</p> |
| Ghazala Mir | Professor of Health Equity and Inclusion | University of Leeds | <p>Ghazala is a Professor and health inequalities researcher at the University of Leeds. Her research interests are in health and social inequalities and cover disadvantaged ethnic and faith communities, women and people with learning disability. She is also the founder and Chair of the multidisciplinary Inequalities Research Network and has led work to highlight key research priorities in her field.</p> <p>https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/staff/611/dr-ghazala-mir</p> |
| Shamini Gnani | Senior Clinical Teaching Fellow | Imperial College London | <p>Shamini works as joint medical Director for Partnership for Health, a collaboration which set up urgent care centres and a GP practice at Hammersmith and Charing Cross Hospitals. Previous to this role, she worked as a GP in London and then went on to work as medic for VSO in Tanzania. It was this experience that sparked her interest in public health and she went on to complete her specialist training in public health medicine in 2003. Her research interests are in primary care, mental health, urgent care, quality improvement and health inequalities at a national and international level. She has developed a distance learning Masters in Public Health programme with Open University of Mauritius.</p> |

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| | | | <p>She is presently Imperial College's NIHR School of Public Health's lead for public mental health and NIHR CRN specialty lead for health services research in North West London.</p> <p>https://www.imperial.ac.uk/people/s.gnani</p> |
| Jessica Jones Nielsen | Assistant Vice President (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion – Race Equality) | City, University of London | <p>Jessica works at City, University of London as a Reader in the Department of Psychology and serves as the Assistant Vice President (EDI – Race Equality). Jessica has a background in community-based participatory research and examines the intersections between determinants of health and illness such as ethnicity, gender, and mental health. Through her research, Jessica is passionate about promoting engagement in positive health behaviours and resilience with particular emphasis on the health and well-being of minority ethnic community groups. Her PhD research investigated treatment adherence among a national sample of Hispanic primary care patients using a patient-centred culturally sensitive healthcare model.</p> <p>https://www.city.ac.uk/about/people/academics/jessica-jones-nielsen</p> |
| Nelarine Cornelius | Professor of Organisation Studies; Associate Dean, People, Culture and Inclusion | Queen Mary University of London | <p>Nelarine is Professor of Organisation Studies at Queen Mary University of London and is the School's Associate Dean People, Culture and Inclusion. Nelarine's research is in the areas of social justice, business in society and the evolution of management practices in emerging, fragile economies. She conducts research with colleagues in the UK, France, Pakistan and Nigeria. Current projects focus on corporate social responsibility and social accountability, social justice and management, managerial relationships with society and democracy, and race, ethnicity and work. She is Deputy Editor of Business and Society Journal, and Associate Editor for Journal of Business Ethics. Nelarine is co-founder of the research centre, Paris Research in Norms, Management and Law (PRIMAL). Current PRIMAL projects focus on corporate social responsibility and social</p> |

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| | | | <p>accountability, social justice and management, managerial relationships with society and democracy and public management.</p> <p>https://www.qmul.ac.uk/busman/staff/academic/profiles/corneliusn.html</p> |
| Beatrice Pembroke | Executive Director, Culture | King's College London | <p>Beatrice is Executive Director for Culture at King's College London. She works with colleagues across King's and the cultural sector, leveraging the potential of arts and culture to support delivery of Vision 2029 and develop the broadest possible cultural community. Beatrice provides overall strategic leadership for the university's Culture directorate, which includes the specialist Culture team and Science Gallery London. Previous to her role at King's College London, she was Director of the Global Cultural Districts Network where she was director of a federation of major cultural organisations committed to improving urban life. Prior to that, she was Director of Creative Economy at the British Council, developing partnerships across the cultural sector and beyond in over 30 countries. She was also special advisor to businesswoman and peer Martha Lane Fox, and began her career in publishing at Simon and Schuster, then Index on Censorship, before moving on to the BBC.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/beatrice-pembroke</p> |
| Jonathan Koffman | Professor of Palliative Care; Associate Director of the Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre | Hull York Medical School | <p>Jonathan is a Professor of Palliative Care at Hull York Medical School. He has a particular interest in researching the interface between ethnicity, culture and palliative care and also clinical uncertainty and how it manifests itself in end of life care. Jonathan also has a tracked record of undertaking research on the development and evaluation of complex interventions using mixed methods research. Jonathan previously worked at the Cicely Saunders Institute at King's College London where he developed a programme of work on disadvantaged dying and researching clinical uncertainty. For five years he was Postgraduate Dean for Taught Studies in the School of Medicine and was awarded a Teaching Excellence Award for his undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. Jonathan's PhD</p> |

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| | | | <p>from King's College London explored the experience of living with, and dying from, advanced cancer among black Caribbean and white patients living in south east London.</p> <p>https://www.hyms.ac.uk/about/people/jonathan-koffman</p> |
| Jill Manthorpe | Professor of Social Work | King's College London | <p>Jill is Professor of Social Work at King's College London. She was made CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2022 for services to social work and social care research. From January 2019 to March 2023, she was Director of the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Health and Social Care Workforce, based in the Policy Institute. From 2002-2018, she was Director of the Social Care Workforce Research Unit at King's (initially sharing the position with Peter Huxley). Jill is an NIHR Senior Investigator Emeritus and participated in a Senior Leadership programme funded by the NIHR with Ashridge Management School. She has been involved in advisory work for the Department of Health and Social Care on several subjects and has worked closely with several social care and health sector employers to link research, policy and practice. Her particular research interests are in policy, workforce, care practice and ageing. She was a member of the first NICE Dementia Guidelines group and has served on two James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships (dementia and adult social work). She is a member of the Alzheimer's Society Grant Panel.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/jill-manthorpe</p> |
| Jayati Das-Munshi | Clinical Reader; Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist | King's College London; South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust | <p>Dr Das-Munshi is a Clinical Reader in Social and Psychiatric Epidemiology at King's College London and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist with South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. She has led work which uses large-scale routine data and data linkages, informed by qualitative methodologies, to understand mental health inequalities, over the life course. She has a keen interest in maximising the potential of datasets to understand mental health inequalities, through a range of approaches including data linkage and secondary data analysis. Her main areas of expertise relate to</p> |

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| | | | <p>inequalities at the physical/ mental health interface and particularly mortality in severe mental illnesses, and she has a particular interest in understanding ethnic inequalities in mental health.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/jayati-das-munshi</p> |
| Lucia Valmaggia | Professor of Clinical Psychology; Head of the Virtual Reality Research Lab; Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist | King's College London; South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust | <p>Lucia is a Professor of Clinical Psychology and Head of the Virtual Reality Research Lab at King's College London. She is also a Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist at the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. Her research has been in two areas; Early Intervention and Virtual Reality (VR) applied to mental health. Her work has focused on the prevention and early detection of mental health problems, in particular psychosis. She has extensive experience in service implementation in the community and set up the first service for prevention and early detection of psychosis in a prison setting. Lucia leads the King's College London Virtual Reality Research Lab, an interdisciplinary group of clinical academics, clinicians, neuroscientists, post-doctoral researchers working alongside a VR developer and industry partners. The VR Lab conducts studies in psychosis, eating disorders, depression, autism, epidemiology, discrimination, gambling, prevention, and early intervention. Lucia has published extensively, and has been named Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers in 2019, 2020 and 2021. In 2021, Lucia was awarded the British Psychological Society Presidents' Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Knowledge. Lucia is a Visiting Professor at KU Leuven and the Past-President of IEPA Early Intervention in Mental Health.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/lucia-valmaggia</p> |
| Gemma Knowles | Research Associate | King's College London | <p>As a Research Fellow at the Centre for Society and Mental Health, Gemma works on the programme of research on social transitions and young people's mental health. Her research focuses on social inequalities in adolescent mental health. She is a big advocate of co-producing</p> |

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| | | | <p>knowledge with young people and tries to weave this into all aspects of her work. Gemma also co-leads the Statistics for Mental Health Research module on the Mental Health Studies MSc at King's IoPPN and loves working with data and learning new methods.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/gemma-knowles</p> |
| Sean Cross | Managing Director; Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist | Maudsley Learning; South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust | <p>Sean is a consultant liaison psychiatrist in South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) and works clinically at King's College Hospital. He is Clinical Director for King's Health Partners' Mind and Body programme to improve mental and physical healthcare integration. He founded the national award-winning Maudsley Simulation with James Pathan and is now the Managing Director of Maudsley Learning. He is passionate about delivering high-quality education and training to improve the care and experience of service users. He is a past winner of the RCPsych's Trainer of the Year award and is proud to be leading the Maudsley Learning team.</p> <p>https://maudsleylearning.com/dr-sean-cross/</p> |
| Chris Attoe | Head of Research and Development; Occupational Health Psychologist | Maudsley Learning | <p>Chris leads the Research and Development team at Maudsley Learning, overseeing the delivery of local and national workforce development projects, as well as the work on staff health and wellbeing. As an Occupational Health Psychologist at Birkbeck, University of London, Chris' research interests relate to promoting wellbeing and work engagement in healthcare professionals. Chris has clinical, management, and research experience in the NHS and has published widely in the field of mental health education.</p> <p>https://maudsleylearning.com/chris-attoe/</p> |
| Dan Barrett | Director | Thrive LDN | https://thrivedn.co.uk/ |

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| Lise Hansen | Culture Lead | Thrive LDN | https://thrivedn.co.uk/ |
| Jacqui Dyer | Director | Black Thrive Global; NHS England | <p>Jacqui Dyer is an independent health and social care consultant with a background in adult mental health commissioning, as well as community and family social work. She is passionate about prevention and understanding the factors that lead to poor mental health.</p> <p>As a mental health service user and carer for the past few decades, Jacqui's knowledge is extensive and her commitment is personal, political, and professional. She has worked with a wide range of vulnerable care groups and has a strong interest in grassroots community empowerment. In early 2019, Jacqui was appointed as the Mental Health Equalities Champion for England and is currently the Mental Health Equalities Advisor for NHS England.</p> <p>https://blackthrive.org/about-us/</p> |
| Lela Kogbara | Director | Black Thrive Global | <p>Lela is a director of Black Thrive Global and has a lifetime of experience designing and implementing policies, practices and funding regimes that address structural inequality. She was a senior leader in the public sector for 25 years, 16 of which were in Islington where she was Assistant Chief Executive with responsibility for a range of services including corporate policy and performance, equalities, community safety, adult and community learning, arts and culture and voluntary sector grants. Lela led on the Islington Fairness and Employment Commissions, which included engaging communities in new models of delivery and resource allocation. She worked part time as Director of Employment Programmes for NHS England until July 2018, which included increasing the number of people with learning disabilities employed within the NHS and setting up the first Individual Placement and Support (IPS) trial to extend employment support beyond mental health to other health conditions. She was adviser to the Department for Education on improving access to apprenticeships for disabled and BAME people.</p> |

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| Lisa Harber Aschan | Post-doctoral Researcher | Stockholm University | <p>Lisa Harber-Aschan is a post-doctoral researcher at the Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA) on the interdisciplinary project REFUGEN – Intergenerational Adaptation of the Descendants of Refugees. The project uses longitudinal population register data to study the outcomes of children and grandchildren of refugees across multiple domains of life. Her research uses population health survey data, electronic health records and register data with a specific focus on mental health, multimorbidity, the interplay between mental and physical health, and service use inequities</p> <p>https://www.su.se/english/profiles/liha4455-1.586072</p> |
| Hannah Bradby | Professor of Sociology | Uppsala University | <p>Hannah is a Professor in the Sociology Department, Uppsala University, Sweden. Her research into connections between health, racism and ethnicity has been published in 'Sociology of Health and Illness', 'Social Science and Medicine' and 'Sociological Research Online'.</p> <p>Hannah's research looks at identity and inequalities around ethnicity, migration status and gender, with a particular focus on health. This work has been widely published in book and article form.</p> <p>https://katalog.uu.se/profile/?id=N12-1722</p> |
| Anthony Hatch | Professor of Science in Society | Wesleyan University | <p>Anthony is a sociologist and Professor of Science in Society at Wesleyan University with affiliations in the Department of African American Studies, College of the Environment, and Department of Sociology. He is the author of <i>Silent Cells: The Secret Drugging of Captive America</i> (Minnesota, 2019) and <i>Blood Sugar: Racial Pharmacology and Food Justice in Black America</i> (Minnesota, 2016). Anthony lectures widely on health systems, medical technology, and social inequalities, appearing in the PBS documentary <i>Blood Sugar Rising</i>. He received the 2022 Robin W. Williams Distinguished Lectureship Award from the Eastern Sociological Society and</p> |

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| | | | <p>served as the 2023 William Allan Neilson Professor at Smith College. He is a co-lead in the Sydney Center for Healthy Societies, a member of the Health and Social Equity Collective at King's College London and the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network at Rutgers University, and is a fellow in The Hastings Center. At Wesleyan, Anthony is the founding director of Black Box Labs, an undergraduate research and training laboratory that offers students training in qualitative research methods aligned with science and technology studies and the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on social research.</p> <p>https://www.wesleyan.edu/academics/faculty/ahatch/profile.html</p> |
| Denese Shervington | Founder; Chief Executive Officer | Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies | <p>Denise has an intersectional career in psychiatry and public mental health. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Tulane University School of Medicine and the President and CEO of the Institute for Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES), a community-based translational public health institute. At IWES, Denise directs a federally funded trauma-informed Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program as well as the community-based post-disaster mental health recovery division at that she created after Hurricane Katrina. At Tulane, Denise provides psychotherapy supervision for Psychiatry residents. She has an illustrious career in public mental health and population health, with posts at the national, state and local level. She also has extensive clinical and community expertise in PTSD and trauma-informed response.</p> <p>https://www.iwesnola.org/board-of-directors/</p> |
| Lisa Richardson | Co-Executive Director | Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies | <p>Lisa is the Co-Executive Director at the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES). Prior to this, she served as the National Director of Southern Access Project for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a consultant, program director, and evaluator for a variety of organizations including Emory University, the Carter Presidential Center, and the New Orleans-based education program, Students at the Center. She received</p> |

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| | | | <p>her PhD in 2002 at the University of New Orleans as a Board of Regents Fellow, and her Master of Science in 1996 from Georgia State University. Her interests include community development, analysing social determinants of health, sexual health education, and advocacy (particularly for women of colour and youth), and participatory action research.</p> <p>https://www.iwesnola.org/board-of-directors/</p> |
| Kate Polling | Clinical Lecturer | King's College London; South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust | <p>Catherine (Kate) Polling is a NIHR Clinical Lecturer in General Psychiatry at King's College London. She joined King's in 2009 when she began her Core Training in Psychiatry on the Maudsley Training Programme as an NIHR funded Academic Clinical Fellow. She was awarded a Wellcome training fellowship during which she completed an MSc in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a PhD in the Department of Psychological Medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN). Her PhD project used mixed methods to explore variations in rates of self-harm between different areas and communities in London.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/catherine-polling</p> |
| Harriet Boulding | Research Fellow | King's College London | <p>Harriet is a Senior Research Fellow at King's College London. Harriet specialises in the qualitative analysis of health systems and healthcare improvement research. She has experience of both UK-based and global health systems research and has worked on projects including improving efficiency in NHS procurement, novel interventions for addressing childhood obesity, global health system strengthening across maternal, surgical and community platforms, and achieving impact from public health research. Funders include the Health Foundation and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). Harriet is also an advisor to the office of the Chief Medical Officer on cross-cutting public health and social</p> |

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| | | | <p>policy issues and has designed training materials for senior civil servants addressing leadership and public health.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/harriet-boulding</p> |
| Jennifer Wong | Head of Programming | Science Gallery London | <p>Jennifer runs the exhibition and event programme at the Science Gallery. She has a background in exhibition development and experience production, a degree in Natural Sciences, and an M.Phil in History & Philosophy of Science. She is co-founder of Guerilla Science Ltd. and has previously worked for the Dana Centre, Wellcome Collection, Science Museum and Natural History Museum.</p> <p>https://sciencegallery.org/network/people/jen-wong-head-of-programming</p> |
| Nikki Crane | Programme Lead – Arts, Health & Wellbeing | King’s College London | <p>Nikki is Programme Lead for Arts, Health and Wellbeing at King’s College London and is joint project manager for 'SHAPER' (Scaling-up Health-Arts Programmes: Implementation and Effectiveness Research), the world’s largest study into the impact of arts on physical and mental health supported by a £2.5m award from Wellcome Trust. Previously, at Arts Council England, she led the development of the Arts Council’s first national strategies for Arts in Criminal Justice and in Health. As Head of Arts Strategy at Guy's & St Thomas' Charity, Nikki managed an £8 million portfolio of arts and health programmes working with artists, clinicians, researchers and health commissioners.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/nikki-crane</p> |
| Rianna Raymond-William | Portfolio Manager | Impact on Urban Health | <p>Rianna is a Portfolio Manager at Impact on Urban Health (IUH). She co-leads their work on trust in health systems and the role trust plays in creating health equity. Rianna will also be working on the Wellcome Trust Partnership Shifting the Power which aims to explore community-centred research and funding models to address health inequities in South London</p> |

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| | | | <p>and beyond. She is currently pursuing a PhD, where she intends to explore how Black women in the UK make sense of their sexual identity. Prior to joining Impact on Urban Health, Rianna worked in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for the last 10 years, most recently as a Sexual Health Advisor for the National Health Service (NHS). She has also freelanced as a journalist for the likes of The Independent, The Guardian, Galdem and Black Ballad. Rianna is passionate about storytelling and using creative approaches to addressing health inequality.</p> <p>https://urbanhealth.org.uk/who-we-are/our-team/rianna-raymond-williams</p> |
| Zaichen Mallace-Lu | Senior Funding and Partnerships Manager | Wellcome Trust | https://wellcome.org/ |
| Greer Roberts | Funding and Direct Activities Lead | Wellcome Trust | https://wellcome.org/ |
| Sarah Golding | Researcher-led Engagement Specialist | Wellcome Trust | https://wellcome.org/ |
| Rebecca Towers | Programme Director | Housing and Modernisation Department, London Borough of Southwark | https://www.southwark.gov.uk/ |
| Monique Ferdinand | System and Inequalities Lead | South East London Acute Provider Collaborative | https://www.selondonics.org/who-we-are/partners/provider-collaboratives/south-east-london-acute-provider-collaborative/ |
| Gabrielle Allen | Portfolio Manager | Impact on Urban Health | <p>Gabrielle is a Portfolio Manager working at Impact on Urban Health (IUH). She works on the preparatory work for our children's mental health programme and our research and development function, which explores new models of research and funding. Prior to joining IUH, Gabrielle held roles at Arts Council England and Tate.</p> <p>https://urbanhealth.org.uk/who-we-are/our-team/gabrielle-allen</p> |

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| Helen Daly | Project Manager; Research and Evaluation Lead | Thrive LDN | https://thriveldn.co.uk/ |
| Tamanda Walker | Qualitative Research Fellow | Black Thrive Global | <p>Tamanda is a Qualitative Research Fellow at Black Thrive Global. Her role focuses on illuminating and centring the perspectives and lived experiences of service users in order to decolonise the evidence landscape connected with Black mental health. She is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London, working with the Centre for Society & Mental Health and undertaking research concerned with Black mental health and well-being. Tamanda is also an independent consultant, facilitator and HR practitioner working on issues of identity and inclusion within education, employment, policy and community settings. Her professional background is varied and includes 12 years' experience within youth and community work, the justice system and human resources.</p> <p>https://blackthrive.org/about-us/</p> |
| Siddharth Khajuria | Director | Science Gallery London | <p>Siddharth is the Director of Science Gallery London. He is also a co-founder of Grand Plan, a charity which awards five £1,000 grants a month to artists and creative people of colour to realise any kind of cultural project. Previous work for the Barbican found Siddharth developing a new public programme for the arts centre and, with his team, being responsible for co-creating and commissioning an ongoing series of events, exhibitions and residencies which spark and convene conversations about urgent social and cultural questions.</p> <p>https://sciencegallery.org/network/people/siddharth-khajuria-director-science-gallery-london</p> |
| Kari Gerstheimer | Founder; Chief Executive Officer | Access Social Care | Kari is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer. Kari has worked in the charitable sector since 2006 and set up a beneficiary facing legal department at Sense, before moving to Mencap with her legal team in |

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| | | | <p>2017. Kari incubated the Legal Network within Mencap before setting up Access as an independent charity in 2020.</p> <p>https://www.accesscharity.org.uk/team-profiles/kari</p> |
| Lainey Gough | Director of Operations and Impact | Access Social Care | <p>Lainey Gough is Director of Operations and Impact at Access Social Care. Lainey trained in legal aid practise specialising in public law within social welfare areas and qualified as a solicitor in 2009. She continues to support families to challenge unlawful decision making in the areas of community care and special educational needs and is particularly interested in bringing cases which will generate systems change.</p> <p>https://www.accesscharity.org.uk/team-profiles/lainey</p> |
| Mike Wilson | Executive Director | Pembroke House | <p>Mike is the Executive Director of Pembroke House. Pembroke House work to bridge traditional divides and unite people – whatever their background or walk of life – to build a better Walworth together.</p> <p>https://www.pembrokehouse.org.uk/meet-the-team/</p> |
| Laia Becares | Professor of Social Science and Health | King's College London | <p>Laia is a Professor of Social Science and Health at King's College London. Her research interests are in studying the determinants of inequalities in health, with a focus on life course effects. She is particularly interested in understanding the pathways by which the discrimination and marginalisation of people and places lead to social and health inequalities. She is a quantitative Social Epidemiologist by training and takes an interdisciplinary approach to her work. Laia collaborates with quantitative and qualitative sociologists, psychiatrists, geographers, demographers and other epidemiologists. She is an Editor of Sociology of Health and Illness, and serves on the Academic Reference Group of the NHS Race and Health Observatory. Laia has been awarded several research fellowships, including an ESRC/MRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (2010-2012), a Hallsworth Research Fellowship (2012-2016) and an ESRC Future Research</p> |

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| | | | <p>Leader Fellowship (2012-2015). Laia previously worked at the University of Sussex (2018-2022) and at the University of Manchester (2010-2018), where she retains an Honorary position. She obtained her PhD in Social Epidemiology from UCL and her master's in Public Health from Boston University School of Public Health.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/laia-becares</p> |
| Rebecca Malby | Professor of Health Systems Innovation | London South Bank University | <p>Rebecca is a Professor of Health Systems Innovation within the Health Systems Innovation Lab at London South Bank University. Her early years in health services as a clinician and manager were followed by a career in leading clinical and organisational change, first at The Kings Fund, then in national and international roles and most recently as the Director of the Centre for Innovation in Health Management, and the programme lead for the Leeds Institute for Quality Healthcare, at the University of Leeds. Becky has also lead the International Shaping Health Systems Network with hub groups in Asia, North America, Africa and Europe; been a Board member of the European Health Management Association, and a critical friend of the New Economics Foundation Coproduction Network. She is currently a Board member of the NHS IQ Network Programme and the Kings Fund/ Health Foundation Readiness for Change Programme. She is a founding member of the Leaders for Leeds Network and has recently been an advisor to the Cabinet Office on the Choice Agenda and to the Health Foundation on Networks. Rebecca is a Visiting Associate at the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and a Co-Director of inLucid a Social Enterprise supporting people in recovery.</p> <p>https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/business/research-enterprise-and-innovation/health-systems-innovation-lab/meet-the-team</p> |
| Calvin Moorley | Professor of Diversity & Social Justice; Chair of Diversity & Social Justice | London South Bank University | <p>Calvin is a Senior lecturer in Adult Nursing Department at London Southbank University's School of Health and Social Care. He is a registered nurse who practices intensive care therapy and also holds the Mary</p> |

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| | | | <p>Seacole Award for Leadership in Nursing. As well as teaching, Calvin does a great deal of research into a broad range of topics including intersectionality, gender, culture & ethnicity.</p> <p>https://peoplefinder.lsbu.ac.uk/researchers/academics</p> |
| Livia Whyte | Head of Special Projects & Legacy | Black Thrive Lambeth | https://lambeth.blackthrive.org/ |
| Gail Thompson | Founder; Chief Executive Officer | Millennium Community Solutions | <p>Gail Thompson is a long-time member and ordained Christian minister of C.I.C. International (Churches in Communities). She is also a member of the Centre for World Group, Ambassadors College and an ordained Honourable chaplain at SOAS University (disability unit). She established Millennium Community Solutions, having in the past served as a Governor of St Thomas's and Guy's Hospital, a member of the Arts Council of Great Britain and various other funding bodies and local Borough councils for many years. Gail is currently an ambassador for World Vision UK: International Children's Charity alongside running many community projects in Lambeth sheltered housing schemes, disability day care centres, nursery schools reading programs and much more.</p> <p>https://www.millenniumcommunitysolutions.com/meet-the-team</p> |
| Bessie Bulman | Research and Evidence Lead | Thrive LDN | https://thrivedn.co.uk/ |
| Priscila Hernandez | Research and Innovation Project Officer | Thrive LDN | https://thrivedn.co.uk/ |
| Suado Nur | Research and Innovation Lead | Thrive LDN | https://thrivedn.co.uk/ |
| Georgina Gnan | Research Associate | King's College London | <p>Georgina is a Research Associate at the ESRC Centre for Society & Mental Health. She completed a BSc in Psychology at UCL, followed by an MSc in Psychiatric Research at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology &</p> |

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| | | | <p>Neuroscience (IoPPN). Her PhD, based in the Department of Psychology at the IoPPN, was a mixed methods approach to understanding the cognitive and behavioural pathways underlying common mental health problems (depression, anxiety & suicidality) among LGBTQ+ university students in the UK. Georgina joined the Marginalised Communities Programme at the ESRC Centre as a Research Associate in May 2022. She primarily works on the CONNECT study (CONtributions of social NETworks to Community Thriving) which uses Participatory Action Research (PAR) to investigate social capital and networks as resources that benefit (or hinder) marginalised communities and their mental health. It focuses primarily on Black and other minoritised groups, with an intersectional focus accounting for gender, migration, socio-economic status, and more.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/georgina-gnan</p> |
| Zara Asif | Research Assistant; PhD Student | King's College London | <p>Zara originally joined King's in 2015 as an undergraduate student, studying Global Health and Social Medicine. Her research interests were focused on access to healthcare for refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in the UK, focusing on the effects of charging regulations on physical and mental health. Zara also has a Masters of Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Zara joined the Centre for Society and Mental Health's Marginalised Communities Programme in January 2021. Zara's current research focuses around global mental health and mental health policy, particularly among marginalised communities such as refugees and migrants. Zara also started her PhD part-time in October 2021. Zara's PhD project is titled 'The mental health of young refugees in the UK: Understanding the lived experiences of endurance and thriving in a Hostile Environment'</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/zara-asif</p> |
| Tara Mack | Director of Programmes | Pembroke House | <p>https://www.pembrokehouse.org.uk/meet-the-team/</p> |

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| Erel Onojobi | Portfolio Manager for the Multiple Long Term Conditions Programme | Impact on Urban Health | <p>Erel works in the multiple long-term conditions programme at Impact on Urban Health (IUH) and leads the financial health strand. Erel has worked in various voluntary sector roles including youth, financial inclusion, advocacy and advice, as well as in the corporate sector. She has developed resources, training and provided consultancy on financial inclusion strategies of voluntary sector organisations. After completing an MA in Anthropology and Youth Work at Goldsmiths, University of London she embarked on setting up a number of organisations for the good of her community. These have included initiatives such as Set Fashion Free, a fashion, culture and enterprise programme for young people where she partnered with the British Museum, the V&A and other academic and corporate institutions, and the Ministry of Thrift where she developed financial inclusion resources including digital for some of largest housing associations. More recently she founded Little STEMs, a grassroots initiative to promote STEM to disadvantaged primary school-aged children schools and is working with the Oval Learning Cluster and leading universities such as UCL, Imperial and Oxford on various initiatives.</p> <p>https://gsttfoundation.org.uk/about-us/our-team/erel-onojobi/</p> |
| Kirstie Hewlett | Research Fellow | King's College London | <p>Kirstie is a Research Fellow at the Policy Institute, King's College London. She works across a wide range of social policy areas, with interests in inequalities, social division and equality of opportunity, and the role of values, emotion and identity in policy making and trustworthy governance. She is a Co-Investigator for the ESRC-funded World Values Survey in Great Britain, which explores values polarisation in Britain and its implications for policymaking, is a contributor to the Deaton Review on inequalities in the twenty-first century and the H2020 PERITIA project, which studies the affective dimensions of trust in expertise. She has published on a broad range of topics including polarisation, attitudes to immigration, research impact and freedom of expression, and has led evidence reviews and qualitative research for clients including Arts Council England and the Burberry Foundation on cultural programmes</p> |

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| | | | that aim to address equality of opportunity among disadvantaged or under-represented populations. https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/kirstie-hewlett |
| Sohail Jannesari | Lecturer | Brighton and Sussex Medical School; Inspiring Ethics | Sohail is a Global Health Lecturer at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School. He has worked on outcomes for survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery, and as a freelance consultant on ethical, participatory and creative methods. Sohail leads the anti-colonial Stolen Tools journal, co-convenes the Inspiring Ethics group, and researches migration, sanctuary seeking and mental health. He is an expert on qualitative methods and hosts the Qualitative Open Mic podcast. https://www.sohailj.com/ |
| Sullivan Holderbach | Art Manager; Researcher | Traumascapes | Sullivan is a trauma survivor, artist, and researcher focused on the development and facilitation of survivor-led, arts-facilitated, healing practices. His research aims to utilize creative practices as means to encourage and sustain health by renegotiating personal relationships and understandings of trauma. He completed his BA degree in Drama and Theatre Arts at the University of Birmingham and his MASc degree in Creative Health at University College London. His practice is informed by his multi-nationality as well as his experiences working as a stagehand, performer, costume/set designer and stage manager in both the Festival of European Anglophone Theatrical Societies and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. https://www.traumascapes.org/people |
| Tessa Roberts | Research Fellow | King's College London | Tessa is a British Academy-funded Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Society & Mental Health, King's College London. Her current project explores the role of neighbourhood social environments in influencing the course of psychosis. Tessa leads the Society & Mental |

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| | | | <p>Health module at the IoPPN and contributes to teaching on the MSc Global Mental Health programme. Tessa has written blogs for the Mental Elf and the London International Development Centre, done consultancy work on mental health policy and research uptake for the Mental Health Innovation Network, organised public events including most recently a round table on psychosis and global mental health, facilitated discussions on neighbourhood influences on mental health at the Academy of Medical Sciences policy event on social determinants of global mental health, given “lunch and learn” sessions at United for Global Mental Health, presented her work at the World Congress of Social Psychiatry, and recently spoke on a panel about the future of global mental health at the Road to Global Mental Health conference.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/tessa-roberts</p> |
| Doerte Bemme | Lecturer in Society and Mental Health | King's College London | <p>Doerte is a Lecturer in Society and Mental Health in the Department for Global Health and Social Medicine (GHSM), King’s College London. Doerte’s research interests include the history and anthropology of psychiatry, the globalization and digitalization of mental health care through Global Mental Health, and the production of expert knowledge in interdisciplinary collaborations. Her long-term, multi-sited fieldwork among Global Mental Health actors in international institutions, global academic consortia, virtual and project sites in South Africa and Nepal explores how mental health is experienced, performed and construed at different scales. She has an interest in the production of global knowledge and how cultural, socio-economic and epistemological differences are reconciled. She now studies the use of digital technologies in psychiatry and contributes to the development of neuroecosocial concepts and methods. Doerte is Guest Editor of Somatophere Blogpost Series “Tracking Digital Psy” (2020) and Managing Editor of Transcultural Psychiatry.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/dorte-bemme</p> |

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| Edwin Lerew | | Centre of Excellence | https://www.centreofexcellence.com/ |
| River Újhadbor | Pre-doctoral Research Fellow | King's College London | <p>River is a qualitative health researcher with a background in anthropology, social medicine and applied theatre. They have recently completed a NIHR funded pre-doctoral fellowship exploring trans* inclusive healthcare practices catering to young people's health needs. River is joining Dr. Andy Guise's team at Population Health Sciences in developing a complex systems approach to social exclusion, stigma and homelessness. Their work draws on a wide range of skillsets such as youth work, storytelling, participatory action research, critical pedagogy and autonomous forms of organising. River is especially excited about research that works towards social transformation, builds resources and advances the liberation of marginalised communities.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/river-ujhadbor</p> |
| Lindsay Smith | Clinical Psychologist | South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust | <p>Lindsay is a Clinical Psychologist working with the N&S CAMHS Adolescent At-Risk & Forensic Service (AAFS) which assesses and treats young people who are engaged in, or present significant risk of, serious violence, fire-setting and/or sexually inappropriate behavior and/or who are at risk of harm or exploitation from others. She has a particular interest in working with young people and families in crisis and developing effective interventions for diverse communities. Lindsay is Clinical Lead for the AAFS Imagining Futures project which integrates psychology skills and the arts in workshops for at-risk young women who may harm themselves as a way of coping with extreme emotional distress. Lindsay is a research affiliate at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN) at King's College London (KCL) and a current South London NIHR Clinical Research Network Research Champion within SLaM.</p> <p>https://slam.nhs.uk/experts/?consultant=224&letter=S</p> |

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| Souci Frissa | Chief Executive Officer | Black Thrive Global | <p>Over the past 20 years, Souci has been contributing to local and global knowledge production in mental health research. She has coordinated a large epidemiological cohort study in South East London (SELCOH) and has led MSc programmes at King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN): MSc in Global Mental Health and MSc in Applied Mental Health Research programmes. She has also coordinated a large complex multilateral programme delivered in partnership with different institutions at the global level and served as a member of the central management team of a multilateral global programme, Global Health Research Unit on Health System Strengthening in Sub-Saharan Africa (ASSET). She has a passion to tackle social and health inequities and has influenced and communicated a call-to-action and has authored and co-authored over 25 published articles. She has worked with people from different background and also mentors young enthusiasts.</p> <p>https://blackthrive.org/about-us/</p> |
| Yijing Li | Senior Lecturer in Urban Informatics | King's College London | <p>Yijing joined King's College London in 2018 as a Lecturer in the Centre for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) London (www.cusplondon.ac.uk). Her research focuses on spatial analysis in urban crime, counter terrorism strategies based on empirical studies, climate change influences on crimes, and risk management strategies upon social media data analysis. She tries to marry theories in multiple subjects with a combined methodology, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Yijing's current research topics are mainly: terrorism risks and counter-terrorism strategies in regions involved in One Belt One Road Initiatives, social security and resilience against disasters as a result of climate change, with an emphasis on 'big' data analysis.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/yijing-li</p> |

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| Laura Fischer | Founder; Chief Executive Officer | Traumascapescapes | <p>Laura's research has focused on the embodied experience of trauma and new body-based interventions. Her art practice has explored the reclaiming and rewriting of the sociocultural narrative of trauma. Her consultancy has spanned trauma-informed practice, lived experience involvement, and arts for health. She is Visiting Lecturer at UCL and QMUL; Visiting Research Associate of the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience at KCL; and she serves on the ATTUNE Data Monitoring and Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford and the Editorial Advisory Board of The Lancet Psychiatry. She has worked with many universities, NHS Trusts, NHS England, the NIHR, Public Health England, Wellcome, and others. She has published, spoken widely, and exhibited internationally, including at the V&A, Whitechapel Gallery, and BFI, and some of her artwork is in the Central Saint Martins Museum Collection.</p> <p>https://www.traumascapescapes.org/people</p> |
| Brenda Hayanga | Research Fellow | King's College London | <p>Brenda is a Research Fellow based in the Department of Global Health & Social Medicine. She is primarily interested in the health and wellbeing of people from minoritised ethnic groups and how individual-level processes intersect with social, historical and structural processes to cause ethnic inequities in health. Her current research is concerned with ethnic inequalities in healthcare use and care quality among people with multiple health conditions. Other areas of interest include the evaluation of health interventions, the use of an intersectional life-course approach to understanding the diversity of minoritised ethnic group people and the relationship between research, social policy and practice. Methodologically, Brenda has training and experience in conducting quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods research, and systematic reviews. She has expertise in using intersectionality-informed approaches which ensure a holistic understanding of social phenomena.</p> <p>https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/brenda-hayanga</p> |

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| Victoria Balogun | | One Southwark | <p>Victoria is a multi-scholar, 3rd year medical student at King's College London University. Currently she is undertaking an intercalated master's in Public Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Health. She is dedicated to addressing health disparities, providing compassionate care and innovative solutions. Previous fundraising led her to volunteer in Malawi and Ghana addressing social determinants of health. This year she was awarded the Sutton Trust Opportunity Bursary, enabling her to pursue a 5-week Public Health internship in Nigeria, expanding her global perspective on health systems. Alongside her studies, she founded Nurtured, a transformative project dedicated to empowering Black community members in Southwark to proactively manage their health and well-being. Through a comprehensive approach including self-care practices, workshops, online infographics, and peer support, she strives to cultivate a generation of health champions, fostering a ripple effect that extends to entire communities, ultimately leading to a healthier, more equitable society for all.</p> <p>https://www.ustsc.org.uk/the-giving-scheme/</p> |
| Gwenetta Curry | Lecturer of Race, Ethnicity and Health | University of Edinburgh | <p>Gwenetta is a Lecturer of Race, Ethnicity, and Health in the Usher Institute at the University of Edinburgh. Her research interests are Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Critical Race Theory, and Black Family Studies. Her present research analyses racial disparities in treatment and infection rates of Covid-19. She is the co-author of the UNCOVER Covid-19 Evidence review "What is the Evidence on Ethnic Variation on Covid-19 Incidence and Outcomes," and "Sharpening the global focus on ethnicity and race in the time of COVID-19" which has recently appeared in The Lancet. She is a member of The Royal Society's DELVE Initiative and a senior research associate in the Global Health Governance Programme at the University of Edinburgh Medical School. She is also a member of the UK Inclusive Data Taskforce and the Medical School Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Alliance.</p> |

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| Rob Berkeley | Co-Director | BlackOutUK | <p>Rob is currently leading development at BlackOutUK. He volunteers on the boards of Baring Foundation, Doc Society, and London's Riverside Studios, has previously served on the boards of LGBT rights charity Stonewall, the Equality and Diversity Forum, and been Chair of Naz Project (NPL). He was Director of the racial justice think-tank Runnymede Trust 2009-14. Alongside his academic writing on education, social justice and community organizing, he was a Simon Industrial Fellow in Sociology (2019-21) at the University of Manchester, he has presented and co-produced short form documentaries, lectured across the UK and beyond, and written for The Guardian and The Independent on social justice and movement-building. Rob was awarded an MBE in 2015 for services to equality.</p> <p>http://blkoutuk.com/</p> |