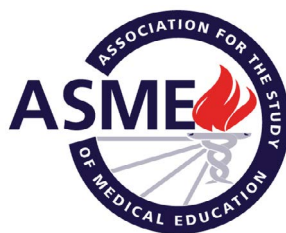


ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (ASME)

Dr Anita Laidlaw and Dr Kim Walker both have an active role in the Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME) and recently attended their Annual Scholarship Meeting held in Birmingham on 12th to 14th July entitled “Developing a Diverse Workforce”. Anita and Kim were kept busy during the week, chairing relevant sessions and answering questions.

Anita, as Chair of the Education Research Committee was responsible for choosing the research awards prize. Kim, as Director of Publications chaired one of the plenaries entitled “A Class Apart” by Professor Sally Curtis talking about her work in Widening Access and Participation in medicine.

At the event, Kim was presented with the ASME Presidents medal in recognition of her work in medical education and particularly to ASME.



<https://www.asme.org.uk>

SCHOOL HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP MEETING

With those who have expressed an interest in formation of the group, the initial meeting to discuss ideas, collaborations and opinions has been preliminary scheduled for Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 1.00pm.

Further details are to be confirmed and circulated. If you would like to be included in the circulation please contact:

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PUBLICATIONS

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GET TO KNOW...

KIM WALKER



1. Could you tell us about your role at the university?

I am a Senior Lecturer in CHERI. My role is to lead on Faculty Development. The faculty I am working with are clinicians working in the NHS who teach medical students. In addition, I undertake research and supervise postgraduate students.

2. What's the most exciting part of your job?

Probably the variety – you never know what might be asked to do.

3. What brought you to the University of Aberdeen?

I originally came to the University as an undergraduate to study Pharmacology and I never got away! I did a Ph.D in Clinical Pharmacology and a couple of post-doctoral fellowships at the University and the Rowett. I then worked in the NHS before returning to the University four years ago in my current role.

4. What are your special areas of interest?

Medical Education! In particular, career choice and decision making, workforce

planning, faculty development, and doctors wellbeing. I am also very keen on the use of technology to improve teaching and training.

5. What are your work priorities at the moment?

To get research papers written up! I have just finished co-editing a book and all the proof reading, checking is taking quite a lot of time. And of course, developing more resources for our faculty development site.

6. What future projects would you like to be involved in?

I have just started doing some research with Physicians Associates. I would also like to do research with other professional groups, e.g. teachers as I think many of the issues are the same but in a different context.

7. Do you have a mantra both professionally and personally?

Professionally “No one is indispensable. If you were run over by a bus tomorrow, the world will still carry on”. Therefore, make time for the things that are important.

Personally “Seize the day”. You never know when things may change, so say yes to the things you want to do and no to the others!

8. How do you like to relax outside work?

I find gardening very therapeutic – I even like weeding! I like going to go to concerts, travelling, being outdoors and driving my convertible on a sunny day with the roof down.

9. Do you have any hidden talents or fun facts about yourself?

I don't have any hidden talents. Lots of fun facts so difficult to choose. I have a Blue Peter badge. I have done lots of media work and appeared on the New Year Edition of BBC's Auntie's Bloomers – a blooper show about things that mess up during filming. I even got paid for it being shown!