



FPH Public Health Spaces

Community-centred approaches to public health

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Speaker biographies

Jason Strelitz

Corporate Director for Adults and Health, London Borough of Newham

Jason Strelitz is Corporate Director for Adults and Health in the London Borough of Newham. He is both the Director of Public Health and Adult Social Services.

Over his career, Jason has worked in the voluntary sector, government and academia with a focus on poverty and inequalities and has a PhD in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He is an honorary associate professor at University College London, and leads the Newham Centre for Health and Care Equity, a collaboration between Newham and academic partners to promote health equity.



Anne Bowers

Strategic Lead for Community Public Health, London Borough of Newham

Anne Bowers is Strategic Lead for Community Public Health in the London Borough of Newham where she leads on the transformation of the council's relationship with communities and community organisations.

She created the "Newham Covid-19 Health Champions" programme which was rolled out nationally during the pandemic. She is the programme lead for the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) London Community Champions Development Network and the ADPH London lead for cost-of-living.

She works at local, regional and national level in government, the NHS, and the third sector with a focus on equity and collaboration. She works closely with Jason Strelitz on a range of projects, including the Newham Centre for Health and Care Equity.





Jude Stansfield
Principal Research Fellow, Leeds Beckett University

Jude Stansfield is a public health specialist who has focussed on mental health over the last 30 years of practice locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. She is currently Principal Research Fellow at the Centre for Health Promotion Research at Leeds Beckett University. She was National Advisor on Public Mental Health and Healthy Communities for Public Health England the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) between 2013 and 2023.

She has led work to scale community-centred approaches and public health systems, and build leadership, innovation, capacity and implementation of mental health promotion and prevention practice and policy to reduce health inequalities.

Jude is on the UK Public Health Specialist Register, is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and co-chairs the FPH Public Mental Health Special Interest Group. She is a member of the International Union of Health Promotion and Education's Global Working Group on Mental Health Promotion and recent co-chair of the Council for Public Mental Health Leadership at the Global Leadership Exchange. She is Course Director of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Public Mental Health Leadership certificate.



Professor Kevin Fenton
President, Faculty of Public Health

Kevin Fenton CBE is the President of the Faculty of Public Health. He is a senior public health expert and infectious disease epidemiologist who has worked in a variety of public health executive leadership roles across government and academia in the United Kingdom and internationally. His specialist interests include tackling health inequalities; HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health; non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention and control; and urban health.

Professor Fenton is the Regional Director for London in the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) within the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Within this role, he is the statutory public health advisor to the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority and the Regional Director of Public Health for NHS London. He is also the President of the British Science Association (2024-25), the government's Chief Advisor on HIV and Chair of the HIV Action Plan Implementation Steering Group for England.

