Signposts to leading environmental health research organisations

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The following links are to organisations whose opinions, research and publications we have found useful in our own research work. The list was largely informed by our own research (and biases) and the availability of up to date resources from each site and we would welcome your suggestions for its improvement. We make no claims of completeness, but engaging with their work might help develop your thinking. In our experience EH professionals already have a reasonable working knowledge of the publications of the departments or agencies of their governments and those of the United Nations, therefore these have not been included below.

We are not responsible for the content of the links and we declare no vested interests by including them in this list. The links are arranged around crude themes (not traditional silos like food safety, housing etc) because the organisations are sometimes involved in research across the breadth of environmental health. The links were current at the time of publication but are obviously subject to change. As with all environmental health resources they should be read with critical eyes and they include a short section of EH relevance to help point you towards the right publications or people there.

**Organisations led by EH professionals active and/or interested in research**

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health  
[http://www.cieh.org](http://www.cieh.org)  
EH relevance includes: The CIEH library in London remains an excellent resource for researchers ([http://www.cieh.org/policy/library.html](http://www.cieh.org/policy/library.html)) and the policy section of the website includes many useful publications for EH professionals.

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health - Northern Ireland  
[http://www.cieh-nireland.org](http://www.cieh-nireland.org)  
EH relevance includes: Their professional development section is developing well and includes an emerging database of University of Ulster student dissertations.

International Federation of Environmental Health  
EH relevance includes: good links with organisations across the world representing EH professionals, magazine and newsletter updates also contain useful information.

Jigsaw PSPH  
[http://jigsawpsph.wordpress.com/](http://jigsawpsph.wordpress.com/)  
EH relevance includes: An exciting and developing blog established by Hertfordshire EHP and social media advocate Pete Hill which includes links to his wonderful podcasts.

Peninsula Public Health Network  
EH relevance includes: A great example of a developing regional and multi-disciplinary public health network with the active input of local EH professionals.
Academic research centres active in environmental health research

Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR), London School of Economics and Political Science
http://www2.lse.ac.uk/researchAndExpertise/units/CARR/home.aspx
EH relevance includes: extensive work of Prof. Bridget Hutter on environmental health regulation.

Centre for History in Public Health Unit of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
http://history.lshtm.ac.uk/
EH relevance includes: environmental health research work of Prof. Virginia Berridge.

Centre for Housing Policy, University of York
http://www.york.ac.uk/chp/
EH relevance includes: extensive and relevant housing policy work, including Dr Julie Rugg.

Centre for Food Policy, City University London
http://www.city.ac.uk/arts-social-sciences/sociology/research/centre-for-food-policy
EH relevance includes: vast work of Prof. Tim Lang, Prof. Martin Caraher (EHP) and Dr Geof. Rayner

Cochrane Public Health Group
http://ph.cochrane.org/
EH relevance includes: a useful gateway to systematic reviews of public health literature via the Cochrane Library.

Earth Institute, Colombia University
http://www.earth.columbia.edu
EH relevance includes: A wealth of environmental health research resources, headed by leading EH academic Prof. Jeffrey Sachs.

Environmental Research Group, King’s College London
http://www.erg.kcl.ac.uk/
EH relevance includes: long term expertise in UK air quality research and its health impacts and supporting EH professionals in this work.

History and Policy project
http://www.historyandpolicy.org/
EH relevance includes: A fascinating project that takes the ‘long historical view’ on contemporary problems and events, relevant papers include those by Prof. Simon Szerer and David Smith.

Hygiene Centre of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine:
http://www.hygienecentral.org.uk/
EH relevance includes: A wealth of environmental health research resources, the work of Dr Val Curtis on hygiene behaviours is particularly relevant for all EH professionals.
Institute of Development Studies of Sussex University  
[http://www.ids.ac.uk/](http://www.ids.ac.uk/)

EH relevance includes: work of all research teams across disciplines could benefit all EH professionals, especially those in developing countries. Vast work of Robert Chambers on participatory approaches and the professions is particularly useful.

Poverty and Social Exclusion in the UK  
[http://www.poverty.ac.uk/](http://www.poverty.ac.uk/)

EH relevance includes: EH professionals can do much to influence poverty and social inclusion, though we often don’t see our work in this way. The resources available from this website could help EH professionals to see their work in this way.

Safe and Healthy Housing Unit, University of Warwick  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/research/devgroups/healthyhousing/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/research/devgroups/healthyhousing/)

EH relevance includes: extensive work of Prof. David Ormandy (EHP) and others on housing and health.

School for Public Health Research of the National Institute for Health Research  
[http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/](http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/)

EH relevance includes: This relatively new partnership seeks to establish excellence in applied public health research in England and we hope EH professionals will contribute to this emerging research agenda.

Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy  
[https://www.scphrp.ac.uk/](https://www.scphrp.ac.uk/)

EH relevance includes: A public health consortium with members drawn from research, policy and practice towards addressing the public health problems of Scotland, including those related to environmental health.

Social Policy Research Unit, University of York  
[http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/)

EH relevance includes: EH professionals have much to learn about those whose environmental health we seek to maintain and improve, this group provides a wide range of examples of relevant social policy research.

STEPS Centre (Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability)  
[http://steps-centre.org/](http://steps-centre.org/)

EH relevance includes: The work of the STEPS research teams across disciplines could benefit all EH professionals, especially those in developing countries.

Institute of Health Equity, University College London  

EH relevance includes: Following Marmot review, work across disciplines towards reducing health inequalities by acting on social determinants of health is relevant to all EH professionals.

Think tanks/pressure groups/charities/advisory bodies active in environmental health research  
Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions  

EH relevance includes: Campaigning for human right to adequate housing for everyone, everywhere, with a wide range of resources available here towards this.
Global Health Watch  
http://www.ghwatch.org/  
EH relevance includes: A group developed to ask critical questions about progress towards global health, their first two reports are available from this website and make powerful reading for all EH professionals.

Hazards magazine  
http://www.hazards.org/  
EH relevance includes: critical perspectives on occupational health and safety, especially legal reforms. Archive of Hazards magazines is particularly valuable.

Institute for Public Policy Research  
http://www.ippr.org/  
EH relevance includes: Vast range of relevant books, reports, policy briefings and discussion papers.

International Institute for Environment and Development  
http://www.iied.org/  
EH relevance includes: work of all research groups (especially Human Settlements - David Satterthwaite and Gordon McGranahan) across disciplines could benefit all EH professionals, especially those in developing countries. Peer reviewed journal Environment and Urbanization is also mostly free access.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
http://www.jrf.org.uk/  
EH relevance includes: wide range of publications of great relevance to EH professionals.

New Economics Foundation  
http://www.neweconomics.org/  
EH relevance includes: the significance of their economics (as if people and the planet mattered) publications for the work of EH professionals.

Overseas Development Institute  
http://www.odi.org.uk/  
EH relevance includes: work of all programmes across disciplines could benefit all EH professionals, especially those in developing countries. For example the work of the Research and Policy in Development programme informed the final chapter of our eBook, particularly the challenges of bridging research-policy-practice.

Pro-Housing Alliance  
http://www.prohousingalliance.com/  
EH relevance includes: An alliance of organisations and individuals who believe housing is a key social determinant of health chaired by an EH professional, their two reports on housing (see resources page) ask critical questions of UK housing policy.

Shelter  
http://shelter.org.uk/  
EH relevance includes: Long established work on housing and homelessness in the UK, website includes wide range of publications and guidance for EH professionals.
The King’s Fund  
http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/  
EH relevance includes: A wealth of critical environmental health related resources, their public health and inequalities resources are particularly relevant.

The Sphere project  
http://www.sphereproject.org/  
EH relevance includes: A voluntary initiative to improve the quality of humanitarian assistance and the accountability of humanitarian actors to their constituents, donors and affected populations. Environmental health is written throughout their Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response which can both be downloaded free from this site.

Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council  
http://www.wsscc.org/  
EH relevance includes: An organisation committed to improving sanitation and hygiene for the most vulnerable with links to a vast range of environmental health organisations and publications in this area.

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