

# Summer NEWSLETTER



## APLS 7th edition

The new APLS course launched in November last year and a few of our centres managed to squeeze in a 7e course in the lead up to Christmas.

This year, ALSG has supported centres in the UK and overseas in rolling out the new course, attending pre-course faculty meetings, mentoring instructors and course directors, visiting centres, hosting observers at ALSG and lots more. It's been fantastic to see so many centres engaging in the new teaching methods and embracing this ground-breaking, advanced training.



## Celebrations continue for 30 years of APLS

Celebrating 30 years of APLS has continued into 2024 with the publication of a booklet dedicated to sharing memories and the history of APLS from all over the world. The memoir delves deep in the APLS archives and includes memories of where and how APLS began.

It captures comments from the early contributors and is a fascinating read - [click here to view](#). Thank you to everyone who contributed.



## A new stamp of certification

We have created a new certification stamp which provides candidates who pass the course the opportunity to share their success with friends and colleagues on their social media, as well as on their CV and CPD records. We hope to see the stamp being used, demonstrating how far and wide APLS reaches.

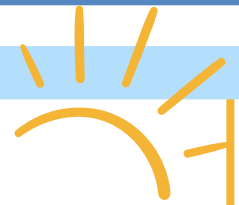


## We're here to help

Our Director of Education, Kate Denning and APLS Development Coordinator, Tanya Ralph, continue supporting our colleagues as they run or teach APLS 7e for the first time. If you or your colleagues want to contact us with anything APLS 7e related, you can email us at [enquiries@alsg.org](mailto:enquiries@alsg.org).

There are also a number of videos available on the instructor resources web page to help you understand the changes, as well as our [APLS podcast](#) which explains the changes and educational enhancements.

## Introducing the NEW APLS Working Group Chair



We are sad to announce that our current APLS Working Group Chair, Stephanie Smith, has decided to step down from the coveted role in September 2024. Stephanie led the APLS group in the development of the remotely enhanced APLS course which enabled this critical training to continue through the most difficult times for our colleagues. More recently, Stephanie has led the group in the development of APLS 7e, which was a marathon effort for the whole team, one of whom is Bimal Mehta.

We are delighted that Bimal, Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, is taking over the reins and will formally take on the Chairperson role in September 2024 after a short handover from Stephanie.

We would like to congratulate Bimal on being elected into the role, we know he will do a fantastic job. And thank you to Stephanie who has agreed to stay on as a working group member.

## New Child Protection in Practice (CPiP) modules

We are delighted to announce that phase one of the brand-new Child Protection in Practice (CPiP) e-modules have been launched. The modules have been developed in conjunction with the RCPCH and we would like to thank all the authors and contributors for their support.

The nationally recognised online course provides competencies required for ongoing child protection practice. The modules are mapped directly to the RCPCH HST core competencies at level three and candidates have the flexibility to choose the modules that best meet their specific training needs.



Child Protection in Practice

To find out more, [click here](#).



## Recognition and awards

Congratulations to the Co-Chair of the APEX Working Group, Mark Buchanan, who has been recognised by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine for his outstanding contributions for services and work with Mental Health Emergencies. This award is testament to Mark's dedication to ensuring clinicians get the right training to support patients presenting in mental health crisis. Well done Mark.



We are also proud to announce that our very own Director of Education and Development, Dr Kate Denning, has been awarded Honorary Senior Lecturer within the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Keele University. The award recognises Kate's continued commitment to equity of education.

## ALSG and its partners

Having the opportunity to work with partners who share the same charitable ethos and values as ALSG is a big part of our foundation and we are lucky to have started working with some wonderful organisations this year.

Starting with Baby Lifeline, a charity whose mission is to make care safer and better for every pregnant woman, pregnant person, and newborn baby all over the UK and worldwide. Earlier this year we partnered with Baby Lifeline and adapted our Facilitation course to provide the knowledge, skills and behaviours required by 30 instructors on the CTG Masterclass course. The training exceeded expectations and candidates remarked how effective using silence when teaching, and that it will be a concrete change in their teaching practice. Congratulations to everyone involved.



ALSG has worked alongside Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) this year to deliver an adapted version of the train-the-trainer course, Facilitation. Focusing on lecturing, teaching and learning skills, and running scenarios, the training is taking place over three locations throughout the year. Good luck to Alistair Morris, Medical Director for MREW and Co-Chair of the SEC working group and Dr Kate Denning, ALSG Director of Education, who are delivering the training.

## An opportunity from NICHE International

Newborn, Infant, Child Health Education (NICHE) International would like to invite you to a free information webinar on 31st July 2024, 6-7pm.

NICHE is a small charity working to reduce neonatal mortality in resource poor areas of the world. NICHE empowers and trains nurses and midwives (some doctors) to teach a 2 day Neonatal Care Course (NCC) to their peers. The course is under ALSG's umbrella and governed by their Strengthening Emergency Care working group.

Join the webinar to find out how you may be able to help this rewarding work.

### NICHE Information Webinar



31st July 2024 - 06:00 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83112497126?pwd=DSikbJblyXQS0jliboFIVJxMayvOrg.I>

Meeting ID: 831 1249 7126

Passcode: 048368



## Events

### SCC Network Conference

Following an approach from NHS England, we were delighted to support our colleague Stephen Groves, Director of EPRR - NHS ENGLAND and HMIMMS working group member, at the SCC Network Conference in March. Stephen presented the benefits of HMIMMS whilst supported by our HMIMMS Working Group Chair, Celia Kendrick. A fantastic event, with delegates from SCCs Integrated Care Boards.



### Mike Davis GIC Bursary

2023 winner - Harry Bamber

Congratulations to our 2023 winner, Harry Bamber, who completed his GIC at the start of the year.

#### 2024 Winners

This year we received more applications for the Mike Davis Bursary Award than ever before which is testament to our future instructors. After much deliberation Mike Davis and the committee decided to award two winners this year. Lorebeth Betinol (APLS) and Kamil McClelland (MIMMS).

### British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) Conference

mMOET faculty supported the UK Maternal Cardiology Society (UKMCS) / BCS by providing simulations from the mMOET course on obstetric cardiac emergencies during the BCS Conference in Manchester in June. All participating delegates found the experience enjoyable, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

BCS Annual  
Conference

### Educator recruitment

We have seen a significant increase in the demand for GIC's over the last 12-18 months and our Educators are working hard to cover them all. To ensure that our Educators have capacity to fulfil the increase in GIC's happening across the UK and overseas, we have, in partnership with the Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK), started the recruitment process for new Educators to join the team. With the overwhelming response, we are hopeful to recruit a number of new Educators whom you will be seeing in centres very soon.

 Resuscitation  
Council UK

 Advanced  
Life  
Support  
Group

## Course developments



### GIC 4e

The next edition of the GIC package is well underway and our educators have been fantastic in supporting the new manual which has now been submitted to the publishers. Thank you to all our contributors, but in particular Kate Denning (ALSG Director of Education) and Kevin Mackie (Consultant in Medical Education, RCUK) who are working tirelessly to edit the blue book and update the course package to ensure it meets the needs of all our future instructors.

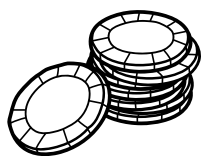
### Acute Psychiatric Emergencies (APEX) 2e

The Working Group have been hard at work on the second edition of the APEX course package. This valuable training provides a structured, practical approach for the emergency care of patients presenting in acute psychiatric crisis. The updated edition includes realistic simulations with actors, videos and new chapters. Piloting of the 2e teaching materials will take place later this year followed by the official launch in 2025. Huge thanks to everyone involved in this update.

Alongside the APEX adult course, the paediatric course is well underway, and development will continue for the rest of this year. With a new working group representing the three specialities, EM, Psychiatry and Paediatrics, we are excited to share this important course very soon.



## Centre tokens



For some years now ALSG has been operating a 'tokens' system whereby centres can 'bank' tokens for course places they have approved and paid for, but not used. We continued with the tokens system to support our centres during the pandemic when courses had to be cancelled or reduced in size to accommodate social distancing. Due to the manual processing of tokens, both by ALSG and centres, we have made the decision to withdraw the tokens system. This is in line with other organisations such as the Royal Colleges who stopped their credit/tokens systems immediately after the pandemic. We have written to all centres advising of the change and encouraging them to use as many tokens as possible on upcoming courses.

## Annual reports

ALSG's 2023 Annual Report and Accounts is now available and can be accessed by clicking on the image.



ALSG has been working with the International Reference Groups from across the world using the Manchester Triage System, a report has been compiled and can also be found by clicking the image on the left.

## What's next?

We've a busy six months ahead with course launches and a fantastic event for our instructors. We will be hosting our inaugural instructor webinar, on 23 September 2024 which is free of charge and open to all our instructors. We have some fantastic speakers and will be running sessions on debriefing, equality, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) and coaching and support. We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible, check your inbox for your email invite to book, or contact us on [instruct@alsg.org](mailto:instruct@alsg.org).

The first of our new course launches is the GIC 4e which will be launching in Autumn after a number of proof of concept and pilot courses planned in the months before. If you would like to get involved in the pilot courses and contribute to the development, please contact Julie Oliver at [joliver@alsg.org](mailto:joliver@alsg.org).

Following the successful launch of APLS 7e, the associated paediatric courses - APLS Recertification and one-day PLS - are being updated in line with 7e principles and will be launched in Autumn.

We have another big milestone to celebrate this year as Major Incident Medical Management and Support (MIMMS) reaches its 30 year anniversary. Watch this space.

As one of ALSG's objectives to work with charities in emerging economies, ALSG is supporting mMOET in Nigeria. A course is currently being developed for October to run in Lagos.

And finally, exciting plans are afoot as ALSG is working towards launching a Fellowship Programme which will be announced very soon. The programme is ALSG's highest distinction and is awarded to individuals in recognition of their services to the organisation. Look out for an announcement later in the year.

**We hope you have enjoyed reading our latest newsletter.**

**Have a great Summer!**

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