The Union World Conference on Lung Health at a glance:

- 3,000+ participants from over 130 countries
- Journalists from around the world
- More than 150 sessions including abstract-driven presentations, workshops, post-graduate courses and symposia with presenters from more than 65 countries
- Open-access engagement space for delegates and the public
- Participation of public health professionals, scientific experts, community leaders and policy-makers at all levels, including ministers of health, members of parliament and leaders of international health organisations
- Meeting of the Global TB Caucus of Parliamentarians from all regions
The Union is proud to announce the Community Common, a space for community involvement and grassroots activism, which will be held at the 47th Union World Conference on Lung Health. For the second consecutive year, the conference will provide a dynamic and interactive area, open to the public free of charge, where members of the community, students and advocates can promote their work, discuss challenges and innovative solutions, raise awareness, and share ideas with conference delegates from around the world. Participation is open to local and international groups of all sizes who are committed to improving lung health for everyone.

**The Community Common**

The Community Common is a vibrant space, driven by communities involved in the fight for lung health, that will host events, encourage discussion and inspire activism and change. Traditionally in England, a common has served as a shared plot of land, often in the centre of a town, where residents could assemble. It is a place where people can meet, share information, and rally together for a common cause. As such, the Community Common is a meeting ground at the conference where delegates and the public can come together to discuss their shared goals.

It is a space that will spur conversation and public involvement in advocacy for lung health. Its aim is to bridge the gap between the scientific research and the daily realities of the general public, by connecting those affected by, or working to combat and prevent, lung disease with the researchers and healthcare workers in the field.

Open to the public of all ages and backgrounds, as well as conference delegates, the Community Common will host activities ranging from:

- Daily plenary broadcasts
- Scientific and community-focused sessions
- Exhibitions spaces for NGOs
- Networking space
- Cultural activities
GET INVOLVED

The Community Common will offer a vibrant cultural platform for both conference delegates and the local public. Liverpool is a cultural centre of the UK and has long been recognised for its contributions to music and the arts. We encourage submissions to the Community Common that integrate that heritage into the current debates around tuberculosis, tobacco control and lung health. By participating in or supporting the Community Common, you will help The Union to:

CELEBRATE
Celebrate the successes and progress made in the field of lung health and inspire action and collaboration in the work ahead.

INVOLVE
Involve the public and delegates in interactive debates and extend the discussions raised during the conference to those working at the local and grassroots level.

BRING TOGETHER
Bring the science, leadership and community together to make a greater impact on public health and facilitate multi-sector partnerships and engagement.

CREATE
Create a space that enables leadership, invites active participation and emphasises human rights and key populations.

PROMOTE
Promote the interaction and sharing of knowledge throughout the sectors and the important role each plays in supporting the other.
Exhibition booths

Exhibition booths in the Community Common provide selected organisations with the opportunity to display materials, speak with interested parties and potential partners, and spread the word about their work. Organisations may also use this space to sell items created by or in support of people affected by lung disease. Booths provide a platform to connect organisations with others in the field and raise awareness about their programmes, strategies and goals and help raise funds to support their efforts.

Networking Space

Local and international advocacy groups and delegates may apply for time slots in the Networking Space, which they may use to host discussions, brainstorming sessions or town-hall style meetings. This is a valuable opportunity for groups to benefit from the wide audience the conference brings together to get a range of insight into issues and to discuss new ideas with a diverse group.

Sessions

The Community Common will hosts its own programme of sessions open to all. Sessions may be in the form of workshops, panel discussions, meet-the-experts sessions, debates or presentations. We encourage submissions of innovative, dynamic and interactive topics, especially those pertaining to community involvement, outreach and leadership campaigns.

Cultural activities

The Community Common raises awareness about lung health and inspires action through dance, theatre, music and art. Participants are encouraged to submit ideas that will make this space vibrant and dynamic, showcasing stories, original solutions and powerful visuals. Submissions may include but are not limited to:

- Performances: dance, music, theatre, spoken word
- Exhibitions: paintings, photography, sculpture, film

Selection criteria

Applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Illustrate a connection to the conference theme ‘Confronting Resistance: Fundamentals to Innovations’
- Be relevant to lung health issues globally
- Be interactive and innovative
- Where possible, showcase new technologies and/or social and cultural movements
- Be original, creative and stimulate and engage audiences. Activities should leave participants with increased awareness, new perspectives and knowledge they can apply in their own context
The Community Common
Apply to book an exhibition booth, secure time in the Networking Space, run a session or organise a cultural activity between
10 MAY – 30 JUNE

Registration for the conference
Early registration
30 MARCH – 10 MAY

Regular registration
11 MAY – 30 SEPTEMBER

Late registration
01 OCTOBER – 29 OCTOBER

Scholarships
Apply for scholarships between
10 MAY – 01 JULY