

Press Release – 14/06/2016 – Stroud Against the Cuts

## **International Health Policy Expert to speak at weekend of NHS events**

### **Support for event from The Retreat, which held an NHS Pub Quiz on Monday 13th**

'Healthcare for all' is a [special NHS weekend of events](#) organised by community group Stroud Against the Cuts that will take place at the Stroud Valleys Artspace and nearby venues from 5pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> till 5pm on Sunday 19th June. The event will include:

- Keynote speech from Dr John Lister (3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Screening of Michael Moore documentary (7-9pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>)
- An informative photographic exhibition (open 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday)
- A day of information and workshops (Saturday 10am-5pm)
- A comedy night (7pm-late, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>), and more

Providing a keynote speech at the event from 3.30-4.30pm at [Stroud Baptist Church](#) is international health policy expert John Lister, of Health Emergency. Dr Lister is a Senior Lecturer in Journalism, and Health Journalism at the Coventry University Department of Media and Communication with a PhD in Health Policy. He is a founder member of

[Keep Our NHS Public](#)

, and a board member of the International Association of Health Policy. In 2008, to mark the 60th anniversary of the National Health Service, John researched and wrote a major book:

*The NHS After 60, for Patients or Profits*

. He is also the author of two books on international health reform:

*Health Policy Reform: Driving the Wrong Way?*

and

*Global Health vs. Private Profit,*

and one of the authors of  
*NHS For Sale – Myths, Lies & Deceptions*  
, published last year (copies of which will be available at the event).

John will presenting a keynote speech on the past, present and future of the NHS, followed by a panel debate with Stroud's Caroline Molloy, Editor of campaigning journalism website [OurNHS openDemocracy](#)

. All weekend there will be an exhibition at the Line Gallery in John St - &quot;  
[How Come We Didn't Know](#)

&quot; - featuring Keep Our NHS Public member Marion Macalpine's series of photographs exploring the hidden privatisation of our NHS, which has been touring the UK.

Stroud pub The Retreat is supporting the event with drinks for the exhibition Private View, and donated £50 as part of a pub quiz on Monday night which featured NHS questions supplied by Stroud Against the Cuts.

The weekend event will also feature a workshop on researching privatisation from Corporate Watch, and advice for health and social care workers from a member of a successful campaign against NHS-privatisation in Bristol. [HEARTBEAT! A night of comedy, video and music at the SVA](#), John St. on Friday night – run in chatshow format by Joe Reeve as Elvis will feature stand-up poet Jonny Fluffypunk, Stroud's female improvisational trio Brewhaha and Brighton-based psychology lecturer and author Dr Carl Walker's 'Picked Up, Patched Up and Sent Home' show, – as well as music from Stroud Global Beats. A 'Doctors and Nurses'-themed closing party will be hosted by the popular Vine Club on Saturday night (tickets £7 / £6 in advance). Full details are available on [the Stroud Against the Cuts website](#)

James Beecher, one of the organisers of the event said: "We hope our 'Healthcare for all' weekend will help people understand what is happening to the NHS and inspire them to take action – we're really excited to be bringing such knowledgeable speakers to Stroud, and would encourage people not to miss the opportunity to learn from them.

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Notes for editors:

1. Details of the [NHS weekend are available on SATC&rsquo;s website](#) , and further information about each of the events is available on Facebook:

[How Come We Didn't Know? NHS Privatisation Photographic Exhibition](#)

Friday 17th -Sunday 19th June,

[Heartbeat! A night of NHS Comedy, Video & Music](#)

- Friday 17th June, 7pm – late,

[Saving our NHS - workshops, talks & stalls](#)

- Saturday 18th June 10am-6pm,

[SiCKO - Stroud screening of Michael Moore doc](#)

- Saturday 18th June 7-9pm,

[Vine Club- Doctors & Nurses](#)

– Saturday 18

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June 9.30 – late.