

A public health approach to incorporating anti-racism and structural discrimination in tackling racial and ethnic health disparities



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In this talk, Professor Fenton will explore the importance of incorporating anti-racism and addressing structural discrimination in public health efforts to tackle racial and ethnic health disparities. He will discuss how systemic racism and discrimination contribute to health inequities and how a public health approach that recognises and addresses these factors can lead to more effective and equitable solutions. He will also explore practical strategies for incorporating anti-racism and addressing structural discrimination in public health policies and programs. By working towards a more equitable and just health and care system, we can improve health outcomes and overall wellbeing of all individuals and communities.

Kevin Fenton 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 are in tackling health inequalities, infectious disease prevention and control, climate justice and urban health.

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As President, Kevin works closely with the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges, UK Local Government Association and a wide range of partners who have interests in Public Health. Kevin is committed to working with all 4 Nations of the UK and FPH members across the world.

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