



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on  
**Global Sexual and Reproductive  
Health and Rights**

## **Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)**

### **UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS**

*Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.*

#### **House of Commons**

##### **Monday 25 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral questions – Home Office

- What steps her Department is taking to help tackle domestic abuse – Cat Eccles MP
- What steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls – Laura Kyrke-Smith MP, Chris Bloore MP
- What steps her Department is taking with police forces to tackle violence against women and girls – Monica Harding MP
- What steps she is taking to support victims of sex trafficking – Joani Reid MP

##### **Tuesday 26 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- When he last discussed women's rights with the Iranian ambassador to the UK – Tracy Gilbert MP
- What recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 0.7% official development assistance target – Sarah Dyke MP

Committee Room 8, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 2:00pm

International Development Committee – The Situation in Sudan – Oral evidence session

[Watch live on parliamentlive.tv](#)

##### **Wednesday 27 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Northern Ireland Office

What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on tackling violence against women and girls – Peter Lamb MP, David Smith MP, Alistair Strathern MP, Chris Bloore MP

Room 6, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 2:00pm

Women and Equalities Committee – Equality at work: miscarriage and bereavement leave – Oral evidence session

Westminster Hall, sitting at 2:30pm

Debate - Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – Apsana Begum MP

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House, sitting at 3:30pm

Foreign Affairs Committee – Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office – Oral evidence session

Westminster Hall, sitting at 4:30pm  
Debate - World AIDS Day – Danny Beales MP

### House of Lords

**No business of interest to APPG on Global SRHR**

### INVITATIONS TO APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS

**27 November:** 11:00-12:30pm. Committee Room G, House of Lords. **‘Jordan Policing and Gender-Based Violence Briefing Meeting’**. Please RSVP to [francislawtonm@parliament.uk](mailto:francislawtonm@parliament.uk) to attend. Please see attached invitation.

**11 December:** 1:00-2:15pm. Room N, Portcullis House. **‘Activism Against Human Rights and Sexual and Reproductive Health’** roundtable luncheon meeting with Neil Datta, Executive Director, European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and author of the reports [‘Restoring the Natural Order’](#), [‘The Next Wave’](#) and [‘Tip of the Iceberg’](#) and Dr Rupa Huq MP. Invitation to follow.

### INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**25 November:** 1:30pm. Ipas presents **‘Child marriage + teen pregnancy + school dropout = gender-based violence’** a solutions-focused conversation to kick off this year’s international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. It will focus on three interrelated factors—child marriage, teenage pregnancy and school dropout—that frequently deny young people the right to make their own informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. Register [here](#).

**26 November:** 2:00pm. British International Studies Association (BISA) presents **‘Book talk - Sick of It: the Global Fight for Women's Health’** with author Prof Sophie Harman, who spoke at our recent parliamentary reception. Register [here](#).

**26 November:** 3:30-4:30pm. Committee Room G, House of Lords. **The APPG on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases** invite you to join a conversation with Dr Sania Nishtar, Chief Executive Officer of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. This private, off-the-record discussion is an opportunity to hear from Gavi’s new CEO about the power of vaccination and the contribution that Gavi makes in saving lives and keeping the world secure, including an overview of Gavi’s upcoming Investment Opportunity 2026-2030. The discussion will focus on the increasing impact of climate change on health, with countries supported by Gavi disproportionately affected by the changes in the world’s temperature. Contact [secretariat@appgmalariaandnlds.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@appgmalariaandnlds.org.uk).

**26 November:** 5:00pm. IPU Room, off Westminster Hall. APPG for Human Rights Roundtable discussion, organised with the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) and ABColombia, to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: **‘Columbia – Women and Violence: Causes and Consequences’**. Contact [pichen@parliament.uk](mailto:pichen@parliament.uk).

**26 November:** 6:00pm. **‘Family Planning practices implemented in Peru: what worked and what are the challenges’**. Since launching its National Family Planning program in 1983, Peru has made

notable progress in sexual and reproductive health, with a decrease in fertility rates and higher modern contraceptive use. However, national-level achievements often conceal significant health inequities that continue to affect vulnerable groups, who still face substantial barriers and challenges. Register [here](#).

### **1 December: [World AIDS Day](#)**

**1 December:** 10:00am. Chamber UK presents ‘**Baroness Barker’s Book Club: World AIDS Day**’. In recognition of World AIDS Day, Baroness Barker will be joined by guest speaker Lord Norman Fowler, former Secretary of State for Social Services. Lord Fowler was instrumental in launching the UK’s first major AIDS awareness campaign “[Don’t Die of Ignorance](#).” He will share insights from his extensive experience and lead a discussion on several significant books that explore the AIDS epidemic and its political implications. Register [here](#) (under Upcoming Events).

**3 December:** 5:00-6:00pm. USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health presents ‘**The Health Impacts of the 2024 U.S. Election on Power, Partnerships, and Rights in the United States and Around the Globe**’. Many people are concerned that the outcome of the 2024 U.S. presidential election will exacerbate inequalities in the U.S. and have grave effects on the realities of health around the world. The one-hour virtual panel event, grounded in this complicated moment of political instability, rights regression and anti-gender movements, will explore how these issues are relevant to health and well-being, and where there is the potential for shared reflection and action. Register [here](#).

**10 December:** 4:30-6:00pm. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) presents ‘**The continuing fight for abortion rights: Taking stock of the evidence**’. Join The Institute of Global Health, The Global Studies Institute and the Institute of Demography and Socioeconomics (IDESO) at the University of Geneva and Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) for an engaging event on Human Rights Day, which serves as the launch of a Special Collection of the SRHM Journal on Abortion and where we will hear from esteemed human rights experts about the state of abortion rights globally and what evidence is needed for action to ensure access to safe abortion globally in this critical political moment. Register [here](#).

**22 January:** 6:30-8:30pm. Doctors For Choice UK present ‘**Are we reinventing the wheel? Learning from older abortion rights activists**’. As with any movement for social change, the successes of the reproductive rights movement would have been impossible without the sheer determination and persistence of previous generations of activists. And yet, it can sometimes feel like the lessons and insights from more experienced activists have not been fully learnt from. Join DfC for an evening of discussion and reflection with three pioneering campaigners: Marge Berer, Diane Munday, and Wendy Savage. Registration [here](#).

**27-31 January 2025:** EPF Study Trip to the Philippines. Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

### **10-16 February 2025: [National HIV Testing Week](#)**

**10-25 March 2025:** New York. [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW). Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**5-9 October 2025:** Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](#) - email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**3-6 November 2025:** 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia – email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

## **NEWS**

**UK** – Lord Collins of Highbury has been appointed the new United Kingdom Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict (PSVI). This special envoy role will now form a long-standing part of the ministerial portfolio in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to provide long term consistency. Read press release [here](#).

Last week the House of Lords Preterm Birth Committee, chaired by APPG on Global SRHR member Lord Patel and including members Baroness Blackstone, Lord Winston and Baroness Watkins of Tavistock and Lord Winston, produced their [report](#) **‘Preterm birth: reducing risks and improving lives’**. You can also read a summary of the report [here](#).

The BBC1 documentary **‘Young, British, and Anti-Abortion: Poppy Jay Investigates Gen Z’s Rising Influence in the UK’s Anti-Abortion Movement’** is now available to [watch on iPlayer](#). Filmmaker Poppy Jay explores whether Gen Z is driving the UK’s growing anti-abortion movement. Despite record-high abortion rates and the overwhelming support for abortion rights in Britain, Jay dives into the rising influence of young anti-abortion campaigners. Featuring Dr Sonia Adesara from Abortion Rights, this documentary sheds light on a confident, well-funded movement challenging abortion access.

More than 760,000 women across the UK are on a waiting list “crisis” for gynaecology appointments, a new report has revealed. A “devastating” [report](#) from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) shows that women are suffering from serious gynaecological conditions while they await an appointment. [BBC News](#) report or watch a report on ITV [here](#).

**Inquiry: The FCDO’s approach to Value for Money** – This week the International Development Committee [launched an inquiry](#) into the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office’s (FCDO) approach to achieving Value for Money in its aid programmes. The Committee’s inquiry will consider how the FCDO defines Value for Money, how it is currently funding its projects, and whether its funding model is cost effective. Value for Money has become more important to the FCDO in recent years, as other sources of funding have come under increasing pressure.

**Global Financing Facility** – On Tuesday the Global Financing Facility presented to the APPG on Global SRHR at a roundtable meeting. Attached is a copy of their presentation and you can access their [annual report](#) and [key messages](#) online.

**Cervical Cancer** – Four years ago this week, 194 countries resolved to eliminate cervical cancer and WHO launched a global strategy. Since then, significant progress has been made. At least 144 countries have introduced the HPV vaccine, over 60 countries now include HPV testing in their cervical screening programmes and 83 countries include surgical-care services for cervical cancer in health-benefit packages. “I thank all the health workers who are playing a critical role in this global effort,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “While we are making progress, we still face huge inequities, with women in low-income countries bearing most of the burden. Only with strong leadership and sustained investment can we achieve our shared goal of equitable access for communities most in need.”. WHO press release [here](#).

**SRHR and Climate Change** – The SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition launched [a new brief](#) at COP29. **‘Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Integral to the Climate and Health Response’** explains why responses to climate change would be incomplete and ineffective without considering the role that sexual and reproductive health and rights play in strengthening individual and community resilience as well as addressing the health impacts of the climate crisis.

**UNFPA Statement** – UNFPA Executive Director Dr Natalie Kanem released a [statement](#) ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November).