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EBOLA: A CALL TO ACTION FOR HEALTHCARE AND NON-HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE UK - ROADSHOW CONTINUES

The roadshow and national call to action for more assistance from medics and non-medics across Britain to help in the fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone continues with more locations added. The national call-out is targeted at all those with relevant skills including NHS workers, the self-employed and agency nurses, as well as logisticians, engineers, water and sanitation experts.

The Roadshow is being organised by The Sierra Leone Diaspora UK Task Force in collaboration with the Sierra Leone War Trust (SLWT) and The Organisation of Sierra Leonean Healthcare Professionals Abroad (TOSHPA).

145 people attended the first session in London on Monday at the Royal Society of Medicine. The next will be Thursday 23 October at the University of Manchester and then the University of Birmingham on Tuesday 28th October 2014.

The Chair of SLWT, Yvonne Aki-Sawyer says a wide range of skills are needed – doctors, nurses, engineers, outreach workers and more: "The Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone is critical, and there is renewed hope of containing the disease as the scale of the national and international response increases. A key element of that response is the 1000 new Ebola treatment beds committed by the UK Government. But those beds now need to be staffed, so please come to the Recruitment Roadshows to find out how you can play a part in saving lives."

The Royal Commonwealth Society is also supporting the drive to combat Ebola in West Africa. Director of the RCS, Michael Lake said that the Commonwealth needs to combine resources and support efforts to fight this deadly outbreak: "The RCS, through our branches and networks has distributed calls for assistance, but also basic information for the public on the facts on Ebola, including key steps that residents can take to avoid infection. Awareness of the disease and how it's transmitted is crucial in containing the outbreak."

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