

PIH ENGAGE NETWORK LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023-24



WHAT IS OUR NETWORK LEADERSHIP PURPOSE?

Our purpose is to organize Partners In Health Engage Team Coordinators to increase their capacity to educate on global health issues and solutions, advocate for legislation that will expand the right to health, and fundraise for Partners In Health to further our justice and solidarity oriented-mission to make health a universal human right. We will achieve this by building relationships, honing leadership skills, cultivating motivation, developing resources, and ultimately accompanying teams to achieve their goals. Essential to this work is fostering a supportive and collaborative community within the NLT and the broader network.

WHO ARE WE?

The Network Leadership Team is composed of coaches grouped into five “Small Groups.” Each Small Group has one Lead. The five Leads and the PIH Engage staff team compose of the Core Team.

SMALL GROUP JUSTICE



Catherine Wenger (SG Lead) (Core Team): I am from Royersford, PA but am currently in New Haven, CT getting my Masters in Public Health at Yale. I am concentrating in infectious disease epidemiology and public health modeling, so I hope to do fieldwork in these areas in the future. I first got involved with Engage in undergrad at Northeastern and have loved advocating for global health equity through MoC meetings. When I'm not in school or in PIHE meetings, you can find me rock climbing, running, or planting veggies and flowers on my roof!



Nick Seymour (Core Team): I first got involved with the Harvard College PIH Engage team in 2014 and later joined the Network Leadership Team before taking on my current full-time role as the Associate Director of Grassroots Strategy at Partners In Health. In this role, I organize with PIH Engage in the US and supports organizing efforts with Compañeros En Salud in Mexico and Socios En Salud in Peru. Outside of PIH Engage, I have studied medical education and referral systems with Compañeros En Salud and worked with a coalition of Boston area students and health professionals advocating for better healthcare for individuals experiencing homelessness. I like exploring Boston and trying (in vain) to improve my salsa moves, but nothing excites me more than working with others committed to advancing the right to health.



Chloe Dahleen: I graduated from the University of Washington in 2023, where I studied neuroscience and bioethics. I have been organizing with PIH Engage since 2019, deepening my passion for advocating for equitable healthcare while serving as UW's advocacy lead and team coordinator. I am beyond excited to begin working full time with PIH this year as an Advocacy Associate. In my free time, I love to explore nature, read, and find cute animals to pet.



Samiha Reza (DEI Team): I joined PIH Engage in Spring 2021 and served as Advocacy Lead and Team Coordinator for the University of Southern California team. I graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science in Global Health and will be pursuing a MPH at Columbia University this coming fall. I began working as an EMT during the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the key experiences that led me to pursue health justice, and continue to volunteer in EMS and disaster health response outside of PIH Engage. The experiences of my immigrant family and my family still living in Bangladesh drive me to fight for equitable access to high-quality care with the belief that everyone has the right to their highest standard of health, regardless of where they live or their income, and under-resourced communities deserve to be in charge of their own stories and healing. In my free time, I'm usually reading, weightlifting, or curating extremely specific playlists.



Jack Radanovich: I graduated this spring from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I majored in Sociology, minored in Philosophy and Spanish, and completed pre-med studies. This summer I travel to Boston to research the intersection of AI, data, ethics, and society. I'm interested in global health, emerging technologies, and social change. I saw Beyoncé in concert for the third time in August.



Imran Khan: I founded the Trinity University chapter of PIH Engage in 2020, where I served as TC for two years. After graduating in 2022, I joined the Network Leadership Team as a coach while working to improve access to healthcare in San Antonio through assisting medical street outreach and harm reduction efforts in the city. My favorite thing about PIH Engage is working in solidarity with so many inspiring people who unwaveringly believe in the right to health and the possibility of creating a more equitable world. Outside PIH Engage, I am a caffeine-dependent medical student living in Chicago that enjoys playing volleyball and getting boba tea with friends.

SMALL GROUP EQUITY



Diego Burga (SG Lead) (Core Team): Originally from Peru and raised in South Florida, I am a current Core Team Coach on the PIH Engage Network Leadership Team. Since August 2017 when I joined the Cornell team, I have been volunteering with Engage and later served as the Team Coordinator for two years. Following undergrad, I had the opportunity to serve as the Executive Assistant to PIH's Chief Policy & Partnership Officer for two years where I expanded my knowledge of global health, policy/advocacy, and honed my skills in project management and communications. Currently, I am a Master of Public Health (MPH) student at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health concentrating in global health health policy. Outside of work and academics, I love to work out, explore art museums, and listen to NPR's Up First ritually every morning while drinking coffee.



Beth Williams: I co-founded the Santa Clara University PIH Engage team in 2019 and served as its Team Coordinator until 2021. I am attending Boston University to pursue her MPH in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation & Human Rights and Social Justice. Currently, I have two internships. For one, I work to improve access to community health worker resources globally and the other focuses on the prevention of substance misuse among the youth population in the Boston area. I joined PIH Engage to build the right-to-health movement with other like-minded individuals. When I am not working to advance health equity, I enjoy hiking, reading, or spending time outside.



Citlali Quiballo (DEI Team): I am a lifelong learner, mostly about love and what it means to be in community. In my most ideal state, I am cooking meals for friends and family, reading under a tree, writing poetry on public transportation, and going on unplanned hikes. Lately, I've been enjoying listening to storytelling and social science podcasts on my long commute to the health department two counties away, where I work as a full time community health worker. I believe in envisioning a world much more harmonious and healthy than what we experience now, which is why I love to be a part of the radical and hopeful PIHE movement!



Sophie Stoll: My name is Sophie Stoll and I recently graduated in June of 2023, where I served as the Community Building and Education Lead for the Cal Poly SLO chapter of PIH Engage! This is my first time participating as an NLT Coach, and I'm excited to build more connections in this community by working with other coaches and Engage throughout the year. I currently intern for the Central Coast Writers' Conference, where I incorporate my interests in writing, marketing, and information design within the publishing field. Post-grad, I'm looking forward to traveling and spending time with friends and family!



Emma Dobson (DEI Team): I served as the co-founder and Team Coordinator of the Partners In Health Engage team at UC San Diego during the 2022-23 academic year and received the Individual Changemaker of the Year Award for my work within the campus community. Recently graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Global Health and a minor in Health Care and Social Issues from UC San Diego, I have shown my dedication to advocating for global health equity, particularly for women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other marginalized populations. My commitment to my studies and my research on LGBTQ+ health disparities and cultural competency training earned me the distinction of graduating with honors. Thrilled to continue my involvement with Partners in Health Engage after graduation, I eagerly look forward to serving as a coach and sharing the knowledge I learned during my own leadership journey. When I am not working towards global health equity, you can find me spending time at the beach in San Diego and enjoying the outdoors.

SMALL GROUP ACCOMPANIMENT



Neha Kumar (SG Lead) (Core Team) (DEI Team): I joined the Trinity University chapter of PIHE as the advocacy lead in 2019, and served until 2022 when I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I continue to work within the PIHE network as a coach, and look forward to supporting sustainable, strategic efforts aimed at making healthcare a human right. My favorite PIHE memory has been meeting with various congressional offices such as Sen. John Cornyn and Sen. Ted Cruz to advocate for increased vaccine accessibility and improved public health infrastructure. I recently read and thoroughly enjoyed *When I'm Gone, Look for Me in the East* by Quan Barry and recommend it to anyone looking for a really unique, introspective read!



Amber Akhter: I am a fourth-year Biochemistry student at Case Western Reserve University. I will be serving my second year as team coordinator in the Fall of 2023 at Case Western. I have dedicated my time as TC to working on passing local healthcare legislation, specifically Medicare for All Resolutions. Aside from school, I work at a hospital as a certified pharmacy technician. When I am not advocating for healthcare justice, I'm either at the gym, the ice rink, or watching football.



Michael Britt (DEI Team): I graduated from Boston College in 2023 with a degree in Biology and Global Public Health. I served as the Community Building/Education lead for the Boston College PIH Engage chapter during the 2021-2022 academic year, which was the chapter's first year of existence. During the 2022-2023 academic year, I served as Team Coordinator. I feel deeply passionate about advancing the right to health globally and loves the community of people involved in PIH Engage. I hope to connect his career goal of becoming a dentist with his desire to advance global health equity.



Raiye Mathewos (DEI Team): I got my start with PIHE at the University of Texas at Austin, and I became the advocacy lead after taking on other leadership positions as the chapter developed. My experiences as a lead at UT motivated me to continue working with PIHE after graduating as a coach. I am currently applying for medical school and am hoping to focus my path towards a medical degree on serving communities often overlooked by the healthcare system, on both a local and global scale. I also love to read, hike, and go to concerts in the Austin area.



Sana Ali: I have been involved with PIH Engage since 2018! I started out as Community Building Lead and later became Team Coordinator, officially founding the Rutgers University Chapter where I studied Public Health. This will be my third year as a coach with the Network Leadership Team! I am beyond excited to continue to connect with Engagers in advancing the right to health. I am currently working in Clinical Research at UPenn, focusing on CHW programs. When I am not working or organizing with PIHEngage, you can find me jamming to Bhangra music, spending time with family and friends, or rewatching her favorite show (*Money Heist*)!

SMALL GROUP SOLIDARITY



Queeny Jose (SG Lead) (Core Team): I currently live in Davenport, FL. I was the University of Florida team coordinator for two years and returned as a coach on the NLT. I am so excited to be a coach again and form new connections with everyone part of this amazing community and network! Currently looking for new hobbies but I enjoy reading, taking my daily walks, and love vibing to Afrobreats!



Irin Toh: I joined PIH Engage at UT Austin in 2020 as the fundraising lead where I served for three years. I am a senior studying International Relations and Mathematics and am passionate about health and environmental justice. This year, I will be joining the NLT as a coach, and am very excited about the connections I will make and working along side other PIHers across the network. Outside of PIH Engage, I enjoy playing volleyball, exploring coffee shops, and playing the bells at the UT Tower.



Kailani Hood: I first joined PIH Engage in 2021, and I served as the former Advocacy Lead and Team Coordinator of the University of South Florida team prior to joining the NLT as a coach. I aspire to promote global healthcare equity and solidarity through my work with Engage, and I am particularly interested in the advocacy component of the right to health movement.



Rosie Poling: I first got involved with PIHE in 2017 and have been a coach for the last three years. After graduating from Harvard, I went on to earn an MPhil in History of Medicine at the University of Cambridge. I currently work at PIH on global health workforce policy and advocacy. When not annoying members of Congress, I can be found running, listening to podcasts, and trying to find cute dogs to pet. I am thrilled to be a coach this year and work with such amazing people in the fight for the right to health!



Daren Pierre: My name is Daren Pierre and I am from Apopka, Florida. I am a recent graduate from the University of Florida and am currently in my growth year as I apply to PA school. On my free time, I am an avid Netflix enthusiast and enjoy going on nature walks along with new adventures. I am excited to be a new coach to give back to this amazing organization!



Jordan Reif: I have been part of PIHE for four years, first as an advocacy lead and team coordinator at Case Western Reserve University and now as a coach. I live in New York City working with medical students at the intersection of humanities, bioethics, and medicine. Outside of PIHE, I love cooking, reading, boxing, and every type of tea and coffee.

SMALL GROUP HOPE



Sam Kelts (SG Lead) (Core Team): I am the Senior Community Organizer at PIH, and have been in the PIH Engage network since 2016, having founded and TC'd the Case Western Reserve University team, and as a current coach and core team member. I am also a registered nurse working in respite care with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program since 2021. I am a graduate of CWRU with a BS in Nursing and BA in Medical Anthropology. I am one of eight siblings, am a twin myself, and have triplet younger brothers!



Anne Vasquez: I have been a part of PIH Engage since 2019 when I served as the Social Chair and then as the Fundraising Lead on the Santa Clara University team. I graduated from Santa Clara University in 2021 and currently works for a consulting firm as a Compliance Coordinator. In addition, I intern for RESIST-TB which is an international organization with the mission to promote and facilitate clinical research to cure and prevent drug-resistant tuberculosis. RESIST-TB aims to address the substantial existing gaps in knowledge and to help provide access to effective, curative, and preventive treatments for DR-TB globally. I am pursuing her MPH at Boston University and will graduate in May 2024. I joined PIH Engage because of her passion to work towards equitable health care and health education for all individuals. In my free time, I enjoy watching a good show, baking, or running.



Abbie Miller (DEI Team): I am a recent graduate of The Ohio State University where I majored in Neuroscience and Medical Anthropology, and minored in Global Public Health. I have been a part of Engage since 2021 and have gotten involved with all three pillars. This past year, I was thrilled to serve as CBE Lead. I became passionate about PIH after reading Mountains Beyond Mountains. I am absolutely ecstatic to continue her involvement with Engage as part of the Network Leadership Team!



Aleezay Khan: My name is Aleezay Khan and I served as the University of Michigan's Team Coordinator between 2021-2023. I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan and enjoy hobbies in photography and makeup artistry! Growing up in several different countries and U.S. states, I realized the significant impact of socio-structural barriers to health among the communities I became a part of. This sparked my passion for combating global health inequities with Partners in Health Engage!



Yashmitha Sadasivuni (DEI Team): I'm from Hyderabad, India and recently graduated from the University of Miami where I also served as the Team Coordinator for Engage. I'm currently working as a Medical Assistant, and when I'm free, you can find me writing poetry, reading murder mysteries and psychological thrillers, or obsessing over dogs.