

We're sending you this email because you asked to receive updates about the "homeopathy worked for me" campaign (see footer). We have more exciting news to share and we also want to thank all who have been busy collecting signatures for the campaign.

Signatures are now coming in at a faster rate, but what is more important is the sense of optimism, the sense of a community of homeopaths and those who use homeopathy coming together to support a common cause. This campaign is not just about a message to the government, supported by many signatures. It is also about giving those who want choice in medicine well grounded arguments and other resources to counter any attacks on homeopathy, now and in the future.

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- "Homeopathy Actually" tea parties
- Letters to Primary Care Trusts starting to get replies
- Several supportive replies from MPs received so far
- Brilliant showing Mind Body Spirit Festival
- Neal's Yard are supporting the campaign nation-wide
- Internationally respected homeopathy Jeremy Sherr becomes patron of H:MC21
- Largest cash donation yet received

Please do not forget to send us your signed declaration sheets so that we can update our survey.

And remember: Get five signatures a week to make this campaign successful! Thanks a lot!

If you have not already done so, please update your details on our mailing database here. If you let us know how you might be able to help, we will be able to send you more details directly. Click **here** to update your records.

NEWS

Homeopathy Actually ... Parties

Lots of people were inspired by meeting us at the Mind Body Spirit Festival (see below), so why not arrange a local opportunity to meet a member of the team by organising a *Homeopathy Actually ...* party and getting one of us to speak at it. People who know that "homeopathy actually ... works" could bring sceptical friends who could ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere. It will raise awareness and could also raise money for the campaign. Oh, and it could be fun!

The first such party is taking place on Friday, 11th July in Filgrave near Milton Keynes. If you live near and would like to join, email us for details. We are happy to advertise *Homeopathy Actually ...* parties on our website.

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)

The letters to PCTs are starting to receive replies, and these seem to indicate that there really is a lack of clarity when it comes to the assessment of homeopathy as a treatment. If you want help in responding to a PCT's reply, please contact us, or we can follow it up for you if you prefer. Please send replies to us at H:MC21, Poppyseed Cottage, High Street, Stoke Ferry, Norfolk PE33 9SF.

Members of Parliament

We have written to those MPs who signed the Early Day Motion about the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital, and are getting some very supportive replies. We shall be drafting a template letter to go out to other MPs shortly. If you want help in writing to your MP, have a look at our *Briefing Notes for MPs* for suggestions, or contact us.

Mind Body Spirit Festival

H:MC21 had a brilliant showing at the MBS Festival, collecting over 2,000 signatures and selling lots of badges to raise money for the campaign. The badges brought more people to the stand, and one couple said that friends had told them about us, and so they had come to us before any other stand because they were so glad someone was doing something to defend homeopathy. Visitors took signature sheets and leaflets away too, so word will spread faster and more widely.

H:MC21 trustee Rajesh Bhide was called off the stand at one point to treat a performer who could not even sit comfortably. Within 2 hours they were on the stage dancing again.

We particularly want to thank John Holder of Mind, Body, Spirit Ltd for donating the stand to us, Katherine Armitage for organising this and Helen Kimball-Brooke for helping to get people to staff it alongside the trustees. Other helpers were, in no particular order, homeopaths Louise McLean, Barbara Gill, Brid Hanlon, Chris Warncke, Deborah Shewry, Geraldine Williams, Grace DaSilva-Hill, Hellis Hill, Jo Ketteman, Karin Lejveahl, Lizy Rugman, Marjorie Morrison, Nuala Maguire, Patty Hemingway, Rosemary Robinson, Samantha Gladden, Shaila Karim, Shauna Wyldeck-Estrada, Sophie Larkin, Sue Lanzon and Theresa Hughes. A big thank you to you all!

Neal's Yard and Sainsbury's

Neal's Yard will be promoting H:MC21 and the campaign during Homeopathy Awareness Week, with leaflets and declaration sheets in all their shops. See www.nealsyardremedies.com for the location of shops across the UK.

Homeopath Kate McIntosh sent us this message last week: "I was in **Sainsbury's** yesterday and the pharmacy are delighted to take the declaration for signing; I quote: 'It is our bread and butter. There is huge demand for alternatives, especially homoeopathy!' Maybe something you could pass on as there's a huge number of Sainsbury's shops in the UK."

New Patron

Internationally respected homeopath **Jeremy Sherr** agreed to become a patron of H:MC21 last month, joining Miranda Castro who has been our patron since February

this year.

Jeremy was born in South Africa and grew up in Israel. He came to homeopathy 23 years ago and began formal studies at the London College of Homoeopathy in 1980. Jeremy completed a degree simultaneously in acupuncture at the International College of Oriental Medicine, but he practises homeopathy exclusively. He has taught at most British homeopathic colleges and in 1987 founded the Dynamis School, with the now longest running post-graduate homeopathy course in the UK. Jeremy was awarded a fellowship from the Society of Homeopaths in 1991 and a PhD from Medicine Alternative. He is a member of the North American Society of Homoeopaths, and a honorary professor of Yunan Medical College, Kunming, China.

You can read more about Jeremy here: <http://www.dynamis.edu/new/jeremy.html>

Other New Supporters

We wish to thank Scottish Homeopath **Helen Campbell** for her very substantial cash donation to our campaign. It has finally enabled us to apply for charity status. Thank you, Helen, for being so very generous!

That's it from us today. We will be back soon with more news.
And don't forget those signatures.....