



Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

Newsletter

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NEW PARTNERS IN THE LEAD PAINT ALLIANCE

We are pleased to welcome the following new partners that joined the Lead Paint Alliance in 2013 and 2014.

GOVERNMENTS

- Canada
- Cameroon
- Honduras
- Kenya
- Uganda
- United States of America

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- BALIFOKUS (Indonesia)
- Blacksmith Institute
- EcoWaste Coalition (Philippines)
- Environmental and Social Development Organization (Bangladesh)
- Inclusion Ghana
- Indira Gandhi Government Medical College (India)
- International Pediatric Association (USA)
- Lata Medical Research Foundation (India)
- LEADERS Nepal
- Loyola University Chicago Civitas ChildLaw Center (USA)
- Toxics Link (India)



Welcome to the newsletter of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.

Future installments will include periodic updates, new items, and stories about work by partners to eliminate lead paint. This month the Newsletter highlights the September 2014 Global Alliance Regulatory Workshop and Third Meeting of the Alliance, both held in New Delhi, India, and the 2nd International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action. It is hoped that you find these updates useful and informative.

Please send your feedback and questions to:
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If you are interested in joining the Global Alliance, informational documents can be accessed on the website:

www.unep.org/noleadinpaint.



NEW DELHI WORKSHOP AND THIRD MEETING OF THE LEAD PAINT ALLIANCE

This September, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme co-hosted two lead paint events. The first event was a workshop in which participants discussed establishing legal limits on lead in paint under the auspices of the Lead Paint Alliance. The workshop was followed by the Third Meeting of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint. Both meetings were held at the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi. 72 participants attended the events from 28 Governments, 17 non-governmental organizations, and three inter-governmental organizations.

The workshop provided information to assist countries with establishing and implementing legal limits on lead in paint. Thirteen sessions over the course of two days presented participants with an overview of the critical elements involved in creating and implementing legal limits on lead paint. Specific topics included: information on the potential health impacts of lead paint; case studies from Uruguay, Germany, and the US; stakeholder engagement; industry engagement; techniques for sampling and testing paint; and information on blood lead testing. Participants were actively engaged throughout the workshop, and the feedback received indicated that many governments are looking for more of this type of information.

The second event in New Delhi was the meeting of the Lead Paint Alliance that takes place every two years. It provided an opportunity to discuss key steps for the next two years and to hear participants' ideas on the best ways to build on the positive work that has taken place over the past two years.





2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK OF ACTION

October 19–25, 2014 marked the 2nd annual International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action. At least 79 events took place in 37 countries across the globe. Activities included classroom and school events, public outreach, workshop and training sessions, as well as social media and press campaigns.

Some highlights included:

- **Bangladesh:** Students from various educational institutions, organized by the Environment and Social Development Organization, formed a human chain and marched in front of the National Press Club to urge the government to ban the production of lead paint and import of lead for use in paint.
- **Nepal:** More than 250 parents, students and teachers participated in a school rally organized by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Development.
- **Sri Lanka:** The Centre for Environmental Justice provided lead-safe paint to repaint a children's pre-school in Kottawa.

The opening of the newly-painted school was launched with speeches, a poster competition and a street drama.

- **Uganda:** The Uganda Network on Toxic Free Malaria Control and the National Environment Management Authority organized a press conference to raise awareness about lead paint.
- **United States:** Workshops and training sessions on lead and lead poisoning prevention were held around the country. A sample of government events included: presentations at workshops or conferences in 18 states, events in schools in four states, street fairs in four states, and blood lead screening activities in 11 states. Many non-governmental events also occurred during the week
- **WHO** provided multilingual, customizable campaign materials, including posters and fact sheets for people to use in their campaigns. WHO Headquarters and the Regional Office for South East Asia launched social media campaigns and provided video statements on the importance of eliminating lead paint.



To learn more about the 2014 Week of Action, please visit: http://www.who.int/ipcs/lead_campaign/en/

Interested in conducting an event during the next Week of Action, 25 to 31 October, 2015? Please send an email to noleadpaint@who.int for additional information.

Involvement with the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

The Lead Paint Alliance will be the focus of a side event at the 2nd Meeting of the SAICM Open-Ended Working group. The event is organized by UNEP, WHO, and IPEN, and will provide an opportunity to take stock of progress and look to the future.

In addition, members of the Lead Paint Alliance have participated in SAICM regional meetings to raise awareness about the issue and the efforts being undertaken to address it.

2015 Update

Please send any information you would like us to include in our next update to: noleadpaint@unep.org