

WOC Revalidation Session: Transforming lives in less resourced environments

10.30am – 12pm BST, 16 September 2025 - 1 hour 30 mins

Room: Room 11A [Specialist Society](#)

Session Title: Transforming lives in less resourced environments

Session Description: WOC-UK is a charitable organisation and specialist society of the British Orthopaedic Association. We work to raise the standard of orthopaedic, trauma, and reconstructive surgery in low- and middle-income countries through education, training, research and hands-on clinical support.

Our volunteers—experienced UK orthopaedic surgeons—travel to partner hospitals overseas, delivering expert teaching and mentoring to local teams. We also offer overseas placements for UK orthopaedic trainees, contributing to their professional development while supporting global health.

WOC-UK advocates within the NHS and the UK orthopaedic community to highlight the critical need for equitable global orthopaedic care. We also collaborate with other UK-based organisations working in disaster relief, surgical training, research and capacity building.

Co-Chairs: Ashtin Doorgakant and Alex Schade

Session Agenda:

10:30 - 10:45 A history through WOC-UK **Steve Mannion**

10:45 - 11:00 WOC-UK medal presentation **Graeme Groom**

11:00 - 11:15 Setting up a THR service in Zambia **Sean Kelly**

11:15 - 11:30 International Guest speaker: Development of Ethiopian Orthopaedics focusing on Clinical service expansion, Academia and Research **Mengistu Mengesha (Ethiopia)**

11:30 - 11:45 BOTA International Guest speaker: Modified Masquelet Technique for Infected Segmental Long Bone Defects in a Low-Resource Setting of Sub-Saharan Africa: A Prospective Comparative Study from Cameroon **Elodie Sike (Cameroon)**

11:45 - 11:50 NIHR funding update **Simon Graham**