

A Brooke Veterinary Learning Community: the value of Peer Support in Life Long Learning



Introduction

- The Brooke is an international charity dedicated to sustainably improving working equine welfare in the World's poorest communities.
- There are 150 Brooke vets and their work centres around providing veterinary services and training local veterinary professionals both internal and external to the Brooke.
- Life long learning is a challenge in Brooke Veterinarians but creating an international learning community has made this possible.

Peer motivated and supported learning is encouraged through numerous educational activities:

Monthly newsletter

- Educational bulletins
- Recognition of excellent work
- Monthly engagement with all vets

International Workshops:

- Student centred learning
- Peer teaching and feedback
- Strong peer relations



International Learning Community

Online Brooke Veterinary Handbook

- Shared resource – all Brooke vets have access
- All Brooke vets have editing rights
- Joint authorship and ownership

Online distance Learning platform

- Informal discussions online – ongoing communication.
- Peer learning & feedback
- Sharing of experiences, knowledge and resources

The Brooke Learning network has:

- Increased motivation, and improved attitude to learning and self reflection
- Increased the support and learning opportunities available to Brooke vets in the field
- Resulted in improved veterinary work and veterinary teaching within and external to the Brooke

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