

Get the Lead Out!

A Day Connecting Local and Global Action for a World Free of Lead Poisoning

Thursday, June 15, 2023

12:30 – 7:00 PM

CGD's DC office, 2055 L Street NW, Floor 5, 20036, Washington, DC

About This Center for Global Development Event:

Leaded gasoline is now history. Yet from Flint, Michigan, to Dhaka, Bangladesh—and almost everywhere in between—the silent scourge lead poisoning is still with us.

In America, lead exposure persists in old paint and housing, on military bases, and, increasingly, from food and consumer goods imported from abroad. And around the world, an estimated 800 million children still have elevated blood lead levels, with the burden overwhelmingly concentrated in low- and middle-income countries. Children exposed to lead lose out on their full potential to learn and thrive; in adults, lead also causes neurological symptoms and increases long-term risk of cardiovascular disease.

On behalf of the Center for Global Development and our co-sponsor Pure Earth, we invite you to join us for a half-day of learning, sharing, and connecting about how we can collectively relegate lead poisoning to the history books. Through a series of panels, interactive learning stations, and plenty of opportunities to connect over drinks and nibbles, the event will celebrate successes in reducing the national and global burden of lead poisoning; highlight the changing face of lead poisoning beyond petrol, pipes, and paint; consider the surprising ways in which lead pollution abroad affects American families; and explore high-impact strategies for a future free of lead poisoning.

Everyone is welcome and will find something new to discover—from lead novices to life-long experts.

Contact Rachel Silverman Bonnifield (rsilverman@cgdev.org) with any questions.

[Register](#)

Tentative Schedule (Speakers TBA)

12:30 PM:	Registration, "Open House", and Lunch
1:15–2:30 PM:	Panel: Getting the Lead Out at Home and Abroad
2:30–3:15 PM:	"Open House" and small-group dialogue
3:15–4:15 PM:	Panel: Beyond Paint, Pipes, & Petrol: The Changing Face of Lead Poisoning
4:15–4:45 PM:	"Open House" and small-group dialogue
4:45–5:45 PM:	Panel: Stopping It at the Source: Effective Approaches to Get the Lead Out
5:45 PM:	"Open House" and Cocktail Reception