Health care is currently facing major challenges. Community Health contributes to mastering these challenges by focusing on target-group-specific approaches and needs-based care concepts in order to overcome the disadvantages of specific groups and tap into resources. The aim of Community Health is to provide health care, health promotion and prevention for specific groups, which are defined by common characteristics. In addition to demographic characteristics, socio-economic and organizational dimensions (joint work, social place, or associations for commitment) are also considered.

While community health is established in practice and in the academic landscape in the USA, approaches in Germany have so far been rather sporadic. Initial efforts are evident in the focus of content at universities, in research and practice. Inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives and approaches as well as a multi-perspective exchange of knowledge and experience between the actors involved in science, research and practice are seen as particularly promising for the future.

The 3rd Community Health Conference will take place on Friday, 27th November 2020 from 9am to 3pm at the Healthcare Campus Bochum and will focus on innovative approaches to Community Health. The aim is to foster the inter- and transdisciplinary exchange and to broaden perspectives. The Department of Community Health (DoCH) of University of Applied Sciences invites scientists, practitioners and students to submit an abstract. Short lectures and poster contributions are welcome. They may relate to innovative fields of development, digitalization, health care, health promotion and prevention in diverse and corporate environments, as well as urban health. In addition, we welcome contributions on community health-related perspectives in the context of the corona pandemic.

The programme is compiled by a programme committee. A publication of the contributions is planned. Please send your abstract (max. 2500 characters, including spaces), until 31st May 2020 to communityhealthconference@hs-gesundheit.de.

No participation fee will be charged. Participants will have to bear incurred costs independently.

We look forward to your contributions and an exciting conference.