

Dr Tim Reed has more than 30 years of experience in NGO management and medicines policy research. After directing a national UK-based charity for a decade, in 1997 Tim was awarded a BA Hons (first class) in Sociology with Development Studies from the University of Sussex in the UK and specialised in the Sociology of Health and Development and the Politics of Pharmaceutical policy. In 2003, he obtained his doctorate from Sussex for his thesis “The regulation of medicines in Central and Eastern Europe”. He is one of the few holders of a PhD specifically in the politics of medicines regulation, and it led him to become a lecturer in health policy, medicines and development from 2003 to 2006. His work on related issues has been published in a number of books and peer-reviewed journals including *Science, Technology, Society*; the *British Medical Journal*; *Health Risk & Society*; *Social Studies of Science* and *Social Science and Medicine*. He also presented his work on medicines issues at numerous international conferences. Tim’s commitment to social equality in health led him to Health Action International’s European office in Amsterdam in 2005, where he became coordinator. First re-structuring the organization’s governance and accountability, and then re-building a vibrant global network, in 2007 he was appointed as the organization’s Global Director to manage global projects such as those conducted in partnership with WHO and the DFID sponsored Medicines Transparency Alliance (MeTA) international secretariat.