

Global Wellbeing Initiative Newsletter, Volume 2

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Welcome to the first Global Wellbeing Initiative Newsletter!

As the GWI community continues to grow, we are eager to share what we are learning from each other and discovering along the way. In this newsletter, we pay homage to our friend and colleague, Ed Diener, and share updates about the latest World Poll survey and upcoming GWI Annual Summit in September 2021.

Thank you for joining us in our wellbeing adventure.

With gratitude,

The GWI Team

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Tribute to Ed Diener



Arguably the pre-eminent wellbeing scholar of the past 50 years, Dr. Ed Diener passed away April 27, 2021. As one of the founders of positive psychology, he was a true visionary and leader.

He has been instrumental to our work since the founding of the Global Wellbeing Initiative, and his wealth of knowledge, perpetual intellectual curiosity and values as a scientist kept us inspired and informed. Not only was Ed our scientific advisor, he was a dear friend and we will all miss him deeply.

We would like to share, "[Three Lessons from Ed Diener](#)," which provides an overview on his remarkable career and accomplishments, explaining why he was often referred to as "Dr. Happiness."

Learn more about Ed's pioneering research on wellbeing in the Related Commentary section below.

WORLD POLL UPDATE



World Poll Survey in the Field

Priscilla Standridge, Ph.D.

The Gallup World Poll is currently in the field, collecting data for the 2021 wave in 127 countries. Early results are expected in the fall of this year.

We look forward to analyzing responses to the new module.

GW I WEBINAR RECAP



Everyone wants to live a good life, and at the core of a life well-lived is one's wellbeing. The What Works Centre for Wellbeing sees improving wellbeing as the ultimate goal of policy and community action. Our latest webinar features Nancy Hey, executive director of the What Works Centre for Wellbeing, and Gallup Editor-in-Chief Mohamed Younis, who share valuable insights during the second installment of the Global Wellbeing Initiative speaker series.

The webinar also examines the centre's participation in a "quiet revolution" to reduce misery and improve wellbeing in the U.K., as well as how we can measure wellbeing and gain evidence on what governments, businesses and communities can do to help people improve how they live their lives.

RELATED COMMENTARY



In honor of the life and work of Dr. Ed Diener, we would like to share his seminal article about the Harmony in Life Scale and Satisfaction with Life Scale:

Abbreviated Three-Item Versions of the Satisfaction With Life Scale and the Harmony in Life Scale Yield as Strong Psychometric Properties as the Original Scale

The cognitive components of subjective well-being can be measured with the Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS) and the Harmony in Life Scale (HILS), which both comprise five items each. The aim of this article is to abbreviate these scales and examine their psychometric properties and validity ...

ANNUAL SUMMIT UPDATE



Benedicte Clouet

The Global Wellbeing Initiative will host a virtual summit from Sept. 20-22, 2021. This annual event aims to foster a globally inclusive discussion around wellbeing and facilitate the exchange of experiences and proven practices among wellbeing researchers and policymakers. The program will include the following:

- A policy roundtable hosted by Dr. Carrie Exton, OECD's Head of Well-Being Data Insights and Policy Practice, on the challenges and opportunities in communicating about wellbeing and the current data gaps in the space.
- A scholarly roundtable facilitated by Dr. Tim Lomas focused on the analysis of 2020 World Poll data and possible items to be considered for 2022.
- A wellbeing webinar open to the public. Speaker to be announced soon.

Registration details will be available at www.globalwellbeinginitiative.org in early September.

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