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As President of the IFEH Peter’s interest is concentrated on health inequalities and the Marmot Agenda of ‘Closing the Gap in Generation’. The IFEH is running a series of projects specifically aimed at reducing health inequalities. Each year on September 26th the IFEH runs ‘World Environmental Health Day’ which all member organisations are encouraged to participate. This year’s theme is ‘indoor and outdoor air quality’ a growing area of concern worldwide.