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FUNDAMENTALS FOR EVALUATION: INTRODUCTION TO COMPLEXITY EVALUATION

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Do you need to increase your understanding and knowledge of approaches to evaluating complexity?

The UK Evaluation Society (UKES) seeks to promote and improve the theory, practice, understanding and utilisation of evaluation and its contribution to public knowledge. To support this vision we have developed the fundamentals for evaluation training programme to share expertise and knowledge in evaluation methodologies and approaches to help build capability and capacity in the Evaluation Community. It is open to both members and non-members of the UK Evaluation Society and complements UKES' Voluntary Evaluator Peer Review (VEPR) programme the Society is developing and the Evaluation Capabilities Framework.

Our introduction to complexity evaluation has been developed to provide you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of complexity evaluation. Through practical exercises and discussions you will also get the chance to apply this knowledge. The day will cover:

1. What is complexity and why does it matter?
2. Introduction to approaches to evaluating complexity, including:

- a. Bayesian updating: Explanation and practical exercise
 - b. Process tracing tests: Straw-in-the-Wind, Hoop Test, Smoking Gun and Doubly Decisive: Explanation and practical exercise
 - c. Qualitative comparative analysis: Explanation and practical exercise in developing a truth table.
3. Signpost you to resources and tools for support

Objectives

By the end of the course you will:

- Understand the characteristics of a complex system, and the challenges such systems pose for policy makers and evaluators
- Be aware of the different methodologies which can be used in evaluations in complex environments and be competent in the selection of appropriate methods
- Be aware of useful tools to assist in data collection and analysis in complex evaluations

About this course

The course has been designed for evaluators and commissioners of evaluations. This session covers approaches that can be applied to any area from international development, health and social care, environmental studies to research impact; and in the voluntary, public and private sectors. It is anticipated that attendees will have a basic understanding of evaluation before attending.

Bev Bishop

The course will be delivered by Dr Bev Bishop, joint Chief Social Researcher at UK Health and Safety Executive, CECAN Associate and UK Evaluation Society Council Member. For more information about Bev please visit CECAN <https://bit.ly/30SwwEO> or follow Bev on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/in/beverley-bishop-ab7a4b37/>



Date: **Monday 16 September 2019**

Time: **10.00 to 16.30** Registration from 09.30

Venue: **Department for International Trade, 3 Whitehall Place, Westminster, London SW1A 2HP**

Cost: **£195 (including VAT) for UKES members and £260 (including VAT) for non-members.** Members booking one place at the full rate can claim 10% discount on any subsequent bookings made by their organisations.

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