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UK Evaluation Society

Annual Conference

May 24 – 26 2022

Outline

Wednesday, May 24th
online via Zoom

Wednesday, May 25th
online via Zoom

Thursday, May 26th
In-person/livestream
One Birdcage Walk, London, SW1H 9JJ

PROGRAMME Tues 24th May - Morning - Online

Key: Standard talk

Ignite: short and focused	Very interactive	Guest Speakers	Networking
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	Strand 1 Politics, and contexts for evidence and evaluation	Strand 2 Data and evidence gathering in the context of ever-evolving technologies and media	Strand 3 Capabilities and methodologies to address big challenges of our times – locally and globally	Strand 4 Sessions for interaction, workshopping, conversation
09:00	Welcome Bridget Dillon, President, UK Evaluation Society 0900 - 0915			
09:15	Is independence in evaluation still useful? Terri Collins and Janet Gruber, Mott MacDonald Moderator: George Bramley 0915 - 0945	Adding digital strings to an evaluator's bow Chris Barnett, Bilal Afroz, Itad, CASM Technology, Athena Infonomics Moderator: Murray Saunders 0915 -1020	Expanding theory-based evaluation: incorporating value creation in a theory of change Julian King , Alex Hurrell, OPM Moderator: Bridget Dillon 0915 -1020	Understanding impact and value when a counterfactual isn't possible Dr. Laura Hayward and Olivia Brajterman, IPSOS Moderator: Colleen Souness 0915 - 0945
09:50	At what point does a government call for assistance? Experience from a technical assistance programme in Ethiopia Nils Riemenschneider, OPM Moderator: Alison Girdwood 0950 -1020	(Continued from previous session)	(Continued from previous session)	Using community-led research to integrate affected youths' voices in a complex systems analysis of unemployment in Tunisia Helen Stevenson, Integrity Moderator: Colleen Souness 0950 - 1020
10:20	Coffee 1020 -1045			
10:45	Bridging divides: Evaluating social cohesion in conflict contexts and COVID-19 Emily Grant and Lucia Soldà, Ecorys Moderator: Pete Welsh 1045 - 1115	How do you catch a cloud and pin it down? A developmental evaluation of a virtual ecosystem using a relational wellbeing (RWB) approach Sarah C White, Relational Wellbeing Collaborative, Moderator: Murray Saunders 1045 - 1145	Embedding systems and complexity thinking into evaluation design and commissioning Tom Marshall, Nick Dales & Alison Darlow, Natural England Moderator: Matt Baumann 1045 -1130	Old dogs can do new tricks: Repurposing hierarchical card sorting and observational evidence Niki Wood and Sarah Ghattass, Chemonics Moderator: Niki Wood 1045 -1130
11:20	Zoom fatigue versus participatory platforms Helen Stevenson, Nick Moore, Mark Oldenbeuving Integrity Moderator: Pete Welsh 1120 - 1205	(Continued from previous session)	The UCL evaluation exchange: How can universities help to build evaluation capacity for community groups to deliver their core activities and build resilience? Dr Gemma Moore, UCL Moderator: Colleen Souness 1135 -1205	Evaluation design for a complex community intervention to facilitate sustainable, transformative change, Dr Catherine Naughton, University of Limerick Moderator: Meera Craston 1135 -1205
11:50	(Continued from previous session)	IGNITE How do you disseminate evaluation learning? Moderator: Jackie Chandler UK Evaluation Society 1150 -1205	(Continued from previous session)	(Continued from previous session)
12:05	Lunch break and mingle opportunities			

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13:00	<p>PRSM: An app to enable online collaboration for theories of change Nigel Gilbert, University of Surrey</p> <p>Moderator: George Bramley 1300 -1330</p>	<p>Assessing the benefits and challenges of using Social Media Listening (SML) in evaluations Alex Hurrell, Paul Jasper, Fernanda Carneiro, OMP and UNICEF</p> <p>Moderator: Murray Saunders 1300 -1400</p>	<p>Contribution, causality, context, and contingency: advancing theory-based evaluations of inclusive business programmes Gile Thon IDS</p> <p>Moderator: Alison Girdwood 1300 - 1400</p>	<p>Causal QCA: How not to throw away the causal peanuts when doing QCA Steve Powell and Fiona Remnant, Causal Map</p> <p>Moderator: Meera Craston 1300 -1330</p>
13:35	<p>What? ✓ How? ✓ But what happens next? Reflections on utilising a 6-year evaluation Gordon Freer and Heidi Ober, TetraTech, Insight Strategies</p> <p>Moderator: Bridget Dillon 1335 - 1405</p>			<p>Evaluating the apocalypse: context, methods, metrics Dr Matt Barnard, Head of Evaluation, UK Health Security Agency</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Chadborn 1335 - 1405</p>
14:05	<p>Defra's Theory of Change Toolkit: Developing complexity-aware evaluation Matthew Baumann, Nigel Gilbert, CECAN, Matthew Baumann Associates,</p> <p>Moderator: Bridget Dillon 1410 - 1510</p>	<p>Evaluating climate resilience from outta space: a geospatial impact evaluation of irrigation interventions in Mali Martin Noltze, Mascha Rauschenbach, Rachel Sayers, Deval and AidData</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Hill 1405 - 1435</p>	<p>Unprecedented times and theory-based impact evaluation: Evaluating emergency funding for the charity sector Susan Mackay, Raynette Bierman, Laura Venning, Ipsos UK and The National Lottery Community Fund</p> <p>Moderator: Meera Craston 1410 -1510</p>	<p>Developing sensory-led evaluation approaches: explorations on evaluation to support Cultural Ownership in a member-led arts organization. A world café Rebecca Swift and Juliet Scott, Entelechy Arts and The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations</p> <p>Moderator: George Bramley 1410 - 1510</p>
14:40		<p>There's teachers on Tapp: Utilising the Teacher Tapp survey app as a comparison group in evaluation of an intervention with teachers Annie Padwick</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Hill 1440 - 1510</p>		
15:10	<p>Coffee 1510 -1530</p>			

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15:30	Adapting MEL needs for changing FCDO needs Heidi Ober, Tetrattech and FCDO Moderator: Colin Jacobs 1530 -1600	Exploring the applications of satellite data technologies for monitoring and evaluation Christiane Kerlen, Jane Greis, Claire le Blanc, Matthew McConnachie, Kerlen Evaluation, Satellite Applications Catapult and Niras-LTS Moderator: Alison Girdwood 1530 -1630	Evidence for moving out of poverty: Gathering robust evidence through mixed-methods impact evaluation designs on what works for lifting vulnerable households and individuals out of poverty in a sustainable manner Dr Michele Binci, OPML Moderator: Niki Wood 1530 -1615	Young researchers growing up under Covid-19: Rethinking youth-led participatory action research in the digital space Enrica Lorusso and Laurie Day, Ecorys Moderator: George Bramley 1530 - 1615
16:00				
16:30	Investigating the role and application of outcome measures for complex health interventions Karen Kinloch, NSPCC Moderator: George Bramley 1630 -1705	'Rise of the Jamboard': Data and evidence gathering in the context of ever-evolving tech and media Dr Jiri Chard, Senior Analytical Lead NHS England Moderator: Tim Chadborn 1635 - 1705	Taking a learning approach to evaluation of community-led climate action Mary Anderson CAG Consultants Moderator: Niki Wood 1620 - 1705	Confronting what you don't know: How disruption can help your organisation rethink what you do Penelope Nkrumah , LEAP Confronting Conflict Moderator: Matt Hill 1620 -1705
17:05	End of Day 1			

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09:00	<p>Accountability and lesson learning for reaching net zero Dr. Laura Hayward & Olivia Brajterman, Ipsos</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Baumann 0900 - 0930</p>	<p>Technology: challenges and opportunities for evidence gathering: A case study from Triple Line's work in forest governance Binh Tran Tripleline</p> <p>Moderator: Colin Jacobs 0900 - 1005</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluating climate outcomes: Challenges for the Green Climate Fund and beyond Eunica Aure, Vladislav Arnaoudov, Kyung Chul Lee, Shahid Parwez; Green Climate Fund</p> <p>Moderator: Jackie Chandler 0900 - 1005</p>	<p>Collaborative evaluation: achieving actionable recommendations and sustainable change Aguhas</p> <p>Moderator: Colleen Souness 0900 - 1005</p>
09:35	<p>Commissioners as partners in living the complex life Richard Allen, The Tavistock Institute</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Baumann 0935 - 1005</p>			
10:05	Coffee 1005 - 1025			
10:15	<p>INFORMATION IPSOS sponsored PRIZES</p>	<p>NETWORKING SPACE 1030 - 1130</p>	<p>A hitchhiker's guide to the meta-verse: Capabilities and methodologies for meta-evaluations of funds addressing global challenges Clarissa Poulson and Katharine May, Tripleline.</p> <p>Moderator: Jackie Chandler 1030 - 1130</p>	<p>What does it really mean to evaluate 'system change'? Lessons from recent evaluations of systems strengthening in the health, WASH, and finance sectors Laura Hopkins, ITAD</p> <p>Moderator: Matthew Terry 1030 - 1130</p>
10:30	<p>Meera Craston IPSOS/UKES 1015 - 1045</p>			
11:00	<p>A new way of partnering with local government? Evaluation co-design and knowledge mobilisation lessons from research and local authority partnerships in the UK</p>			
11:35	<p>Nai Rui Chng, Peter Craig, Andrew Passey, Pegs Bailey, Jenny Gillespie, Andy Whitehead; University of Glasgow, University of Newcastle, Fife Voluntary Action, NHS Tayside, South Gloucestershire Council</p> <p>Moderator: Pete Welsh 1100 - 1205</p>	<p>Creative Evaluation in the Biophysical Context Violet Owen, Lancaster University</p> <p>Moderator: Colin Jacobs 1135 - 1205</p>	<p>Learning and Adapting: lessons on using evidence and evaluation to inform portfolio decision making in the FCDO's Nepal Portfolio Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (PMEL) Mbuso Jama, Abt Britain</p> <p>Moderator: Gio Voltolina 1135 - 1205</p>	<p>Developing the evaluation culture at ONS and the constraints of evaluating public goods Dr Mazieh Talebi Office of National Statistics</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Chadborn 1135 - 1205</p>
12:05	Lunch 1205 - 1300			

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13:00	<p>Bringing together political economy and government capability: A co-designed innovative tool for measuring government readiness for agricultural transformation Olivia Geymond Tony Blair Institute for Global Change</p> <p>Moderator: Gio Voltolina 1300 -1400</p>	<p>A practical introduction to text analytics approaches and applications: Sharing lessons and best practices from use-case examples Jonas Norén and Matthew McConnachie, NIRAS, DavCon data science, Data Yarns Research</p> <p>Moderator: Matthew Terry 1300 -1400</p>	<p>Systems Analysis of Youth Unemployment in Tunisia Mark Oldenbeuving Integrity and Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Hill 1300 -1400</p>	<p>Roundtable: equitable global partnerships</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Chadborn 1300 -1400</p>
14:05				<p>Science or moral philosophy: How far can the causal inference and social valuation aspects of evaluative practice be separated? James Copestake Moderator: Meera Craston 1405 - 1505</p>
14:40	<p>Evaluation in a time of covid: How the Covid pandemic affected data collection and what we might learn from it for the future Heidi Ober and Swaantje Marten, Tetrattech.</p> <p>Moderator: Jackie Chandler 1440 - 1510</p>	<p>Economic Empowerment Research: a Girl-Centred Definition of Empowerment Izzy Quilter, ITAD</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Hill 1440 -1510</p>	<p>Fishbowl discussion: Dissemination of evaluation findings</p> <p>UKES-hosted 1440 - 1510</p>	
15:10			<p>Coffee 1510 - 1530</p>	

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15:30		COVID-19 - Perspectives Moderator : Bridget Dillon		Building healthier places: developing approaches to learn locally and apply globally Alice Thornton, Impact on Urban Health Moderator: Alison Girdwood 1530 -1615
	Long-term place-based evaluation in changing political environments Lily O' Flynn Renaissi Moderator: Matt Hill 1530 -1615	Upskilling the subjects: Subjects as Research Ambassadors in lock-down or restricted access settings Dr Kath Edgar, Substance 1530 -1550 Sustaining jobs and skills through Covid: Evaluating the Skills Development Scotland Covid-19 response Denis Donoghue, Skills Development Scotland 1550 -1620	Hot tips and hot potatoes: addressing old and new challenges to feminist evaluation Kirsty Milward and Claire Hughes Moderator: Meera Craston 1530 -1615	
15:50				It's the journey that matters: developing programme theories with diverse stakeholder groups for collaboration, evaluation, learning and communication Dr Sarah Thomas, Adam Lockwood, Insa Wemheuer, Dave Salisbury, NIHR Evaluation Moderator: Alison Girdwood 1620 - 1705
	An elephant in the room: Bringing impact analysis into consensus-based policy-making Maxime Petit Jean, Walloon High Strategic Council Moderator: Pete Welsh 1620 - 1650	NETWORKING SPACE	Mission Impossible? Evaluating mission-oriented research and innovation programmes: themes and challenges Hamish Evans, Joe Francombe, RAND Europe Moderator: Matt Baumann 1620 -1705	
16:20				
	HMG's Evaluation Task Force: One year on Catherine Hutchinson and Miriam Light, Cabinet Office Moderator: Meers Craston 1650 - 1720	1630 - 1700		
16:50				
17:15	End of Day 2			

PROGRAMME Thursday 26th May

One BirdCage Walk

	<p>Registration Tea/Coffee 0830</p>
09:00	<p>President's Welcome Bridget Dillon, President, UK Evaluation Society 0900 - 0910</p>
09:10	<p>ROUND TABLE EXCHANGE Evaluative practice for the future - Is Evaluation Ready for the Data Revolution? Moderator : Professor Murray Saunders, University of Lancaster</p> <p>Panelists Dr Jos Vaessen, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Dr Noshua Watson, Director, Interwoven, Social Impact Analytics, London Mette Bastholm Jensen, Deputy Director, XCEPT, Chemonics 0910 -1030</p>
10:30	<p>Coffee 1030 -1100</p> <p>'How did I get here?' 1040 - 1055 Chat evaluation career pathways with UK Eval Soc Members Gallery</p>
11:00	<p>In Conversation with Baroness Helena Kennedy, QC Professor Eliot Stern FAcSS, acknowledged thought leader in evaluation, discusses perspectives on evidence and evaluative practice from the different professions, and Baroness Kennedy's particular and extensive experience. 1100 - 1200</p>
12:10	<p>Meet the Authors Ethics for Evaluation: Beyond 'Doing no Harm' to 'tackling Bad' and 'doing Good' Moderator : Rob D Van Den Berge, Visiting Professor King's College, London Chapters: Evaluation and Ethics in Contexts of Fragility, Conflict and Violence Hur Hassnain - Evaluation Support Unit INTPA, European Commission Ethics in Evaluation in Resettlement related interventions Dr Inga-Lill Aronsson - University of Uppsala, Sweden 1210 - 1255</p>
12:55	<p>LUNCH 1255 - 1345 'Birds of a Feather' 1315 -1340 Gallery</p>

**May 26th
Afternoon Programme**

13:45

Transforming Evaluation in Government

Speakers

Ruth Kelly, Chief Analyst, UK National Audit Office
Jennifer Rowland, Deputy Director, Efficiency and Cabinet Office, Public Spending Group. UK Treasury
Becca Briggs, Deputy Director, Analysts, UK Office of National Statistics

Moderator: **Dr Tim Chadborn**, UK Dept Health and Social Care
1345 -1445

14:50

Learning the Art of Evaluation - Now and in the Future'

Discussion lead **Georgie Parry-Crooke**, Professor Emerita, London Metropolitan University

Speakers

Nigel Simister, Associate, INTRAC
Sally Cupitt, Evaluation and Impact Consultant, UK
1450 – 1545

Tea/Coffee

1545 - 1615

15:45

'How did I get here?'

1600 – 1615

Chat evaluation career pathways with UK Eval Soc Members
Gallery

16:15

KEYNOTE

'Evaluation - Challenges, Context and Power'

Professor Ruth Boaden

Independent Adviser on Evaluation to Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership
Honorary Professor, Alliance Manchester Business School

Moderator: **Bridget Dillon**, President UK Evaluation Society
1615 -1715

17:15

President's Closing Remarks

Bridget Dillon, President, UK Evaluation Society

1715 – 1730

Thank you