

Back on Campus
International Development Event
(Offered as part of the CSID International Development Week)
Wednesday 26 February 2014
Linklater Rooms, King's College

- 10.00 – 11.00 **Welcome and Working in Different Development Contexts - stable, humanitarian crises and post-conflict situations: Opportunities and Challenges**
Professor Hilary Homans
- 11.00 – 12.00 **The Opportunities and Obstacles to Working within the Private Sector to Promote International Development**
James Blewett
- 12.00 – 13.00 **The Journal of an Early Career Development Worker**
Hannah Cook
- 13.00 – 14.00 Break
- 14.00 – 15.00 **What it is to be a Sustainable Business in the 21st Century?**
Jason Plent
- 15.00 – 16.00 **What iNGOs are looking for in candidates/how to break into the sector?**
Pam Innes
- 16.00 – 17.00 **My ICS Experience in Nicaragua**
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Anne Brady, MA (Hons) Geography, University of Aberdeen, 2013

Originally from Glasgow, Anne graduated from the University of Aberdeen in 2013 in Geography. Since graduating she has volunteered in Tanzania with Lasallian Developing World Projects and in Nicaragua with the International Citizen Service. Currently seeking a career in the field of International Development.



James Blewett, MA(Hons) History of Art, University of Aberdeen, 2006

After leaving the University of Aberdeen in 1989, James trained as an accountant with Johnson Matthey plc and Arthur Andersen, completing the CIMA exams. He moved from auditing into the corporate finance division of Arthur Andersen, project managing a series of privatisation deals in Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Azerbaijan. After the collapse of Andersen's, he moved into independent consulting, travelling to Afghanistan for the first time in 2002 to work on a DFID funded project looking at state owned enterprises. Then after a spell of more work in Bulgaria and Macedonia, he returned to Afghanistan from 2004-07 to lead a capacity building and technical assistance project at the Ministry of Commerce. This was followed by projects in Nigeria, Iraq and Bangladesh, where he was first exposed to the market development approach working on the Katalyst programme. Then back to Afghanistan in 2011 to design and manage the Afghanistan Business Innovation Fund, financed by DFID/AusAID. Joined Landell Mills full time in 2013 as the Director of the Markets, Enterprise and Trade Division.



Hannah Cook, MA(Hons) Geography, University of Aberdeen, 2005

Currently an ESRC funded doctoral researcher at the University of Edinburgh's Centre of African Studies, Hannah has previously studied at Aberdeen (Geography), Birmingham (Poverty Reduction and Development Management) and Warwick (Local Government Management). Over the past seven years, Hannah has worked in the local government and international development sectors. Beginning with a place on the NGDP local government graduate scheme, then working at the national level in the Local Government Association for England and Wales, and the international level in the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, before moving onto a role in the Strategy and Performance unit of Christian Aid. With a strong interest in issues of impact and accountability in development, Hannah's current research is focused on the Malawi microfinance sector, exploring engagement and communication with various stakeholders, and the effects of accountability mechanisms on programme impact.



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Dr Hilary Homans

Director, Centre for Sustainable International Development

Hilary Homans began her career in international development when she was seconded by the British government (Department for International Development, DfID) to the Ministry of Health in Zimbabwe where she lived and worked for six years and was also Professor at the University of Zimbabwe. This was followed by DfID appointments in Tanzania and as Global Adviser on HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Health which involved being the lead negotiator for the United Kingdom on women's health at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing. In 1997 Hilary moved to Geneva to work with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and remained there for 13 years working with WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF and the World Bank. She has extensive experience in monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning and policy formulation and developed several global and national strategies. In 2001 she was the WHO Emergency and Humanitarian Action Coordinator following the Gujarat earthquake. Hilary continues to work in humanitarian situations especially in post-conflict countries and was the co-author of *On the Frontline*. This report reviewed a decade of progress towards the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution number 1803 and the report resulted in a new Resolution (no.1983) approved at the UNSC in June 2011. Hilary has worked with 45 countries and is a founder member of two NGOs in the UK and Zimbabwe. She is the author/editor of five books, over thirty published papers and numerous technical reports for DFID and the UN and has developed distance education modules for staff in developing countries. In January 2010 Hilary was appointed Director of the Centre for Sustainable International Development at the University of Aberdeen.



Pam Innes, MA(Hons) French & English, University of Aberdeen, 1981

A qualified accountant, Pam joined Save the Children in 2005 following a successful career in GlaxoSmithKline where she fulfilled a number of finance and transformational leadership roles of increasing seniority over a period of 15 years, culminating in heading up the global outsourcing of clinical trials. She was CEO of Save the Children South Africa, a member of the global Save the Children movement, whose mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives. Within Save the Children, Pam was also Transition Director where she led the design, development and implementation of Save the Children International – a global organisation to deliver international programmes. She also led a major world-wide initiative to unify Save the Children's operations in the countries in which they work and to harmonise key global processes. Pam Innes is currently Director, Human Resources and Organisational Development at Plan International. A child rights focused iNGO, Plan International's mission is to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries, through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning and value to their lives.



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Jason Plent, MA(Hons) English, 1992

Jason began his professional career in Cambridge working for an information management company. Jason helped develop the company from a start up to an international business that was sold to a US Company for £32m GBP in under 10 years. After leaving Cambridge Jason moved to London and worked in the Information Management marketplace (with Britannica, TSO), Professional Services (with LBi and Oyster) and the Financial Services marketplace (with LTSB and Barclays). In 2008 Jason joined the then largest Environmental Consultancy in the UK, AEA PLC (now AEA Ricardo). Jason worked on the development and coordination of a broad range of clients including Government Departments and private sector clients with a portfolio value of £60m GBP. As Group Managing Director of Dalen Group Limited Jason directs Dalen's work in the green building space and the combination service offering delivering sustainability strategy, carbon/energy methodology and accreditation across their customers' operations. Jason also directs Dalen's operations overseas in North/South America and EMEA. Dalen currently works with a number of international clients and property funds, and developing Dalen's presence in these territories is a key priority. Jason is also responsible for Dalen's Sustainability Magazine and sits on the Board of the Skansen Foundation, a charity that funds sustainable projects globally. Jason has a first class Masters degree in English Literature and a postgraduate Masters degree in business. He is currently a business mentor for selected students on sustainability related courses at the University of Aberdeen.

