The UK Evaluation Society Conference 2009

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Date: 24-25 November 2009
Venue: The Holiday Inn London Bloomsbury

Evaluating Impact in the Current Crisis

The theme of this yearâ??s annual conference takes us back to basics and relates to the perpetual issue taxing all evaluators: how to evaluate impact. The current financial crisis brings this into even sharper focus with many evaluators asking themselves why evaluation does not seem to be answering the key strategic questions facing us today. This environment also brings further uncertainty to evaluators in terms of the complex nature of the economic environment, the stress on evaluation funding and a renewed challenge to demonstrate value for money and the benefits of evaluation.

The conference hopes to look at methods and issues around evaluating impact in key spheres: economic, social, health, cultural and environmental. It will provide evaluators with an opportunity to develop their understanding of methodologies and to air their views and work through issues around the way in which we look at impact.

The conference will address the key issues facing evaluators today and will provide a forum for all evaluators from across government, academia and the voluntary and private sectors. The aim of the conference is the same as that of UKES: to advance and improve the theory and practice of evaluation.

The keynote speakers at the conference are:

- Will Hutton , Executive Vice-Chair, The Work Foundation
- Anna Coote, Head of Public Sector Policy, New Economics Foundation and Health Commissioner, Sustainable Development Commission
- Sandra Nutley, Professor of Public Management, University of Edinburgh
- Howard White, Head of New Impact Evaluation Entity, 3IE
- Beatriz Garcia, Director, Impact 08
- Peter Tyler, Professor of Land Economy, Cambridge University

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