

The Australasian Evaluation Society

invites you to participate in an afternoon discussion on

***“Experiences in International Development Evaluations:
the Good, the Bad and the Ugly”***

Theo Nabben

Monday 30th August 2010 (12.30 – 2.00)

*Where: The Lounge Room in Club Murdoch
(Off Bush Court, behind the Bankwest Branch)*

(Note: a small number of parking bays in car park 3 will be reserved for AES)

Theo has worked in several international development contexts undertaking evaluations, developing M&E Frameworks and training local staff in M&E. His speciality is in participatory and innovative approaches, often using techniques such as the Most Significant Change approach. Theo's international work has been in the Solomon Islands, Africa and India and he has worked for NGOs such as the Red Cross, World Vision and the Leprosy Mission as well as larger donor funded aid projects.

Theo will discuss his experiences of working on 'short and constrained' development evaluations. Challenges he will touch on are time, budget and data constraints, insufficient consideration given to evaluation planning and the tough working conditions unique to development work. Theo will build on the paper by Michael Bamberger in the recent AES Journal (Evaluation Journal of Australasia, Vol 9. No 2, 2009, pp. 39-49) and discuss how overcoming some of these challenges could reduce the risks to positively biasing evaluations.

Theo's will also share his experiences in getting into development evaluation at the bottom end, in contrast to the institutional level as discussed by Scott Bayley (Asian Development Bank) at the May AES seminar.

If you are interested in knowing more about some of the pitfalls of the under resourced evaluation or just want to hear what its like "out in the field" when doing development work then come along and enjoy the slide show !!

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