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Public Sector Evaluation Award



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DFAT Office of Development Effectiveness, for the Evaluation of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.



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Public Sector Evaluation Award: DFAT Office of Development Effectiveness, for the Evaluation of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

Judges' comments: This evaluation displays a highly professional and rigorous approach to public sector evaluation planning, and subsequent practice in data collection, analysis and synthesis, as well as determination of findings and recommendations. It is notable in the participatory manner in which it included industry stakeholders in the major stages of conduct of the evaluation and built acceptance and ownership in both its process and product, including useful recommendations. Importantly, with respect to the Award's assessment criteria, these qualities gave considerable impetus to new policy and program initiatives in line with the recommendations made.



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Evaluation Study or Project Award



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Wei Leng Kwok, WLK Consulting, for 'The Evaluation of Generating Equality and Respect: Preventing Violence against Women'



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Evaluation Study or Project Award: 'The Evaluation of Generating Equality and Respect: Preventing Violence against Women', WLK Consulting

Judges' comments: The evaluation is of a high quality and shows the potential to have a major impact on the contribution to evaluation in their field of practice. The nomination provided strong and credible evidence from both stakeholders and recipients of the relevance and effectiveness of their evaluations. The rationale and application of the approach was clearly described & evidenced. Overall, we consider that it is an evaluation that epitomises the values of AES.



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Indigenous Evaluation Award



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Lauren Siegman:
String Theory, for the Straight Talk
evaluation for Oxfam Australia



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Indigenous Evaluation Award:

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Judges' comments: An example of exemplary cross-cultural evaluation practice. The design was strengths-based, practical and participatory. Team members, including participants, were included in the design, analysis and sense making. Team members said they were “listened to” and came away with a positive perspective about evaluation and are now more receptive to being involved in evaluation processes in the future. The evaluation findings are contributing directly to the reshaping of the program.



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Evaluation Policy & Systems Award



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Judges' comments: Jessica used a consultative process at two levels to design and develop an M&E system for the overall program, and supported the participating NGOs to develop M&E frameworks for their individual projects. She reviewed the project level M&E systems one year into implementation to clarify outcome measures and confirm collection of baseline data, which was a valuable innovation. The system was developed through a partnership approach consistent with the program's principles, and built a culture of peer review and of M&E capacity in the 10 NGOs.

Evaluation Policy & Systems Award: *Jessica Kenway*, for the Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme: M&E Framework and M&E Systems Review



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Emerging New Talent Award



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Dr Clancy Read



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The judges were struck by the breadth of studies Clancy has worked on since completing her PhD in 2012. She is currently leading a RCT study on rheumatic heart disease in the Northern Territory and has previously worked on projects in the Pacific and Asia. A key feature of her current work is the prominence of incorporating evaluation, qualitative methods and a theory of change in a RCT study. Clancy has demonstrated her commitment to sharing her knowledge and learning through active participation in AES conferences.

***Emerging New Talent
Award: Dr Clancy Read***



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