

Social Innovation and Public Engagement:

Department of Public Leadership and Social Enterprise (PuLSE) /

Centre for Innovation Knowledge and Development (IKD)

Workshop

Michael Young Building, Open University

24th October 2014

Programme

- 9.45 – 10.15 Registration and Coffee
- 10.15 - 10.30 Welcome: Siv Vangen (PuLSE) and
Maureen Mackintosh (IKD)
- 10.30 – 11.10 *Social innovation:* Frank Mouelart (Catholic University of
Leuven)
- 11.10 – 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 – 12.10 *Public & Civil Engagement:* Amy Kwan (The Young
Foundation)
- 12.10 – 12.30 *Panel Discussion* (Discussant: Andrea Westall)
- 12.30 - 13.10 *Evaluation Framework;* Ivan Horrocks and Steve Walker (OU)
- 13.10 - 13.50 Lunch
- 13.50 – 14.30 Case Study presentations
- 14.30 – 15.10 Break out groups for ideas/joint bids
- 15.10 – 15.30 Tea
- 15.30 – 16.00 Round-up and next steps

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In the aftermath of the global crisis, a number of profound challenges to sustaining socio-economic well-being have arisen. In the face of these challenges, international policy makers are now explicitly promoting the idea of equity as a means of sustainable economic growth. A crucial feature of this approach is how the combination of social innovation and digital technologies within different institutional settings can increase social inclusion and sustainable growth.

This workshop addresses these issues and encompasses a range of interests and expertise outside of and within the University. It provides the opportunity for all interested colleagues to engage with each other in order to establish collaboration and create networks to take this theme forward. One of the objectives of the workshop is to identify potential joint research projects and bids, particularly to engage newer and younger colleagues in the work PuLSe and IKD..

Speakers

Frank Moulaert is Professor of Spatial Planning, Head of the Planning and Development Unit ASRO, and Chairman of the Leuven Research Centre on Space and Society, Faculty of Engineering, KU Leuven, Belgium. He trained in Belgium and the US as an econometrician and regional economist, started his career as a researcher by studying international migration, macroeconomics and regional development. In the 1980s he became interested in the economic geography of producer services. For the last twenty years he has worked on regional and urban development, with a special focus on social innovation, Integrated Area Development and Territorial Innovation Models.

Amy Kwan is Senior Research Associate at The Young Foundation which she joined in July 2014. She is currently working on a qualitative project exploring the impact of wage squeezes on NHS workers, as well as assisting with the TEPSIE, a research collaboration between six European institutions aimed at understanding the theoretical, empirical and policy foundations for developing the field of social innovation in Europe. (www.tepise.eu)

Prior to joining The Young Foundation, she worked on numerous public health research projects with the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Public Health, primarily focused on community engagement, social change and health inequalities.

All are welcome:

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