

Festival of Social Science Event: Pursuing Quality in International Volunteering

Thursday 7th November 2013

10.00 – 15.00 (with Sponsored Drinks Reception from 15.00 – 17.00)

Dorset Place (Rm 102), Grand Parade Campus, University of Brighton. BN2 1ST.

Whilst the international volunteering and volunteer tourism has only been prominent since 2000, the level of criticism from academics and the media has been increasing. As a result, a number of initiatives are evident in trying to establish a quality threshold and determine mechanisms to ensure the threshold is met. As such, this event is aimed at bringing together academics, volunteers and practitioners in the area of international volunteering /volunteer tourism to discuss current initiatives, recent criticisms and discuss the implications for the sector.

The day-long seminar focuses on showcasing the research and initiatives that have recently been established. The programme offers presentations from six keynote speakers:

10.00 - 10.30	Coffee, Welcome and Introduction
10.30 – 10.45	Dr Angela M Benson - University of Brighton, Chair of the ATLAS Volunteer Tourism Research Group and Editing Author of Volunteer Tourism: theory framework to practical application
10.45 – 11.15	Dr Stephen Wearing (Sykpe from Australia) – Associate Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) Australia. Stephen was an academic panel member of The International Ecotourism Society (TIES), USA panel for the development of the International Voluntourism Guidelines for Commercial Tour Operators
11.15-11.45	Peter Bishop – Lead for Tourism Concern on the Ethical Volunteering Standards (GIVS)
11.45 – 12.15	Peter Lynch – Bradt Author of Wildlife & Conservation Volunteering: The Complete Guide. Peter developed 'The Audit' and evaluated 50 volunteer organisations
12.15 – 13.00	Light Lunch
13.00 – 13.30	Kathy Gill –Co-founder and Director of Biosphere Expeditions, a UK organisation that takes paying volunteers to work on wildlife projects around the world
13.30 – 14.00	Richard Oliver - Chief Executive of the Year Out Group and on the British Standard working group for expeditions and field trips (BS8848)
14.00 – 15.00	Questions and Answer / Debate Session. Where to from here?
15.00 – 17.00	All delegates are invited to a sponsored drinks reception and networking opportunity

The event is designed to be interactive with question and answer sessions and the opportunity to debate the problems and engage in finding solutions.

Morning Coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

Event Registration:

The event is FREE to attend. However, places are limited and therefore, you are invited to register via our webpage

http://shop.brighton.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=27&prodid=244

The website also provides full details regarding the programme for the day, and instructions on how to find the venue.

Please forward this email to others you believe might be interested in coming along.

Kindest Regards

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