The Middlesex University ‘Africa Group’ showcase

Global Partnerships

The aim of the Africa Group is to explore commonalities of interests in Africa across the university and encourage inter-disciplinary discourse and activity in order to further enhance projects being undertaken, and to develop new joint research-focused or research-informed projects. It will focus on what can be learned from Africa, rather than what Africa can learn from us - knowledge sharing rather than knowledge transfer.

Business

Professor Terence Jackson & Frederik Claeye
Professor Terence Jackson and Frederik Claeye of The Business School are working with NGO and development management in Sub-Saharan Africa taking a cross-cultural management perspective, particularly in the area of HIV/AIDS, exploring the power dynamics shaping the emergence of hybrid management systems combining influences from Africa, and outside. Professor Jackson is also developing a project on ‘China in Africa’ exploring new dynamics which impact on organizational and community life, with partners in China and Africa.

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Arts and Education

Dr James Ogunkoya
Dr James Ogunkoya, has a dual research interest in Education and Business. Currently, he is Middlesex University's UK Principal Research Fellow, Lifelong Learning Work Package, of the EU’s largest-ever funded research and intervention project on lifelong learning and social inclusion, at £3.9M. He also co-directs an international project on creativity and innovation in the IT industry with Dr Apatia, talkies of IBM in New York.

William Harris
William Harris is working with groups of predominately (though not restricted to) performing arts undergraduates on the development of community projects in Uganda. The project is run in partnership with an NGO with a base in Uganda. Undergraduates work on projects refurbishing classrooms and education centres but also bring these refurbished buildings to life leading and sharing dance, music and theatre sessions with the children that will be using the refurbished spaces. The performing arts projects have offered opportunities for shared experiences through performance between the resident and visiting participants.

MDX People:

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Dr James Ogunkoya - j.ogunkoya@mdx.ac.uk of the School of Arts and Education, is a former Associate Editor of MarketFinder International, a specialist African trade and investment magazine. He is UK & Europe Editor for the Journal of Current Research in Global Business.

Dr Alan Page - a.page@mdx.ac.uk is a Principal Lecturer in Environmental and Public Health at the School of Health and Social Sciences and a visiting Professor at the University of Botswana.

Engineering & Information Sciences

Dr Heath Deegan
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