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The Middlesex University 'Africa Group' showcase

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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 Claeys

Professor Terence Jackson and Frederik Claeys 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.

www.africamanagement.org

Arts and Education

Dr James Ogunleye

Dr James Ogunleye, has a dual research interest in Education and Business. Currently, he is Middlesex University's UK Principal Researcher, Lifelong Learning Work Package, of the EMILIA project, 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 Apollo Tankeh of IBM in New York.

William Harris

William Harris is working with groups of predominantly (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 Ogunleye - j.ogunleye@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.

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Engineering & Information Sciences

Wyn Griffiths

'Jua Kali' / Informal Manufacture Sector Collaboration, with Kenyatta University and NGO Terra Nuova, East Africa. The project addresses deforestation and domestic energy use, using appropriate technology coupled with training and entrepreneurship for designers, engineers and artisans, in Kenya.

www.madegood.net

Health & Social Sciences

Dr Heather Deegan

Dr Heather Deegan is focusing on democratisation and political processes both at national and local levels. Her latest book, 'Africa Today: Culture, Economics, Religion, Security' (Routledge 2008) considers the critical issues confronting the continent internationally, namely: citizen engagement and participation; governance and probity; and security and development.'

Dr. Alan Page

Dr. Alan Page is developing in-country training for practitioners from Diploma level to Doctorates to ensure that public health practice is enhanced. The focus is to develop individual capability of practitioners, organisational capacity to effect health gains and to provide locally trained researchers capable of undertaking effective research pertinent to their own country. A recent Tropical Hygiene Educational Trust Grant is helping to fund work in Zambia to upskill public health practitioners to benefit their local communities.

Institute of Work Based Learning

Dr Abdulai Abukari

Initiating new higher education pedagogies through work based learning to develop local communities and development organisations, through proposed partnership between the Institute for Work Based Learning (IWBL) and the University for Development Studies (UDS) in Ghana and two of its partner organisations (Northern Network Education for Development (NNED) and Ghana Young Artisans Movement (GYAM).



Working with:

University of Botswana
 University for Development Studies (UDS) in Ghana
 Africa Institute of Southern Africa
 Kenyatta University, Kenya
 Njala University, Sierra Leone
 University of Zambia

Ghana Young Artisans Movement (GYAM)
 Community-based organisations in Kano, northern Nigeria
 Northern Network Education for Development (NNED)
 Lusaka District Health Department
 Softpower Education
 Terra Nuova (East Africa)
 Community Centre - Murchison, Uganda
 Walukaba Primary and urban school & Mumpungwe Primary and community School - Jinja, Uganda
 Zambian Institute of Environmental Health

