



Invitation to a one day conference: Systems perspectives on policy development and evaluation

Location: British Library Knowledge Centre, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

Time and date: 10.00 – 16.35, Tuesday 26 June 2018

Public policies are about changing systems but conventional approaches to their evaluation have largely ignored this insight. This conference will explore these issues with a number of leading thinkers and practitioners of systems approaches to policy development and evaluation.

The day will bring together researchers and policymakers from a range of sectors and disciplines. It will explore the value of systems thinking for understanding policy problems, finding policy solutions and evaluating them. The implications of systems thinking for policy evaluation will be a particular focus of the day. Speakers will be drawn from a range of fields of social policy, including, health. The meeting is aimed at both academic and non-academic participants, including research users and research commissioners.

The conference is organised jointly by the Policy Innovation Research Unit and the Social Research Association.

Price: £95 for non-SRA members, £75 for SRA members.

Book online: [The SRA](#)

Conference Programme

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:10	Welcome
10:10-11:00	Plenary: Diane Finegood (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver) <i>Title: What does it mean to have a systems perspective on policy development and evaluation?</i>
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-12:45	Katrina Wyatt (University of Exeter) <i>Title: A complex systems approach to creating and evaluating the conditions for health in low income communities</i> Samantha Hinks (NHS England) <i>Title: NHS England's approach to evaluating complex system change: The New Care Models (NCM) Programme</i>
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Matt Barnard (Acting Head of Crime, Justice & Attitudes, NatCen) <i>Title: Wicked problems, wicked solutions: evaluating system change</i> Katie Boswell (Deputy Head of Funders, New Philanthropy Capital) <i>Title: Theory of change and systems change: what happens when two disciplines collide?</i> Zenda Ofir (Independent Evaluator / Stellenbosch University) <i>Title: The imperative and demands of a complex systems lens on evaluation</i>
3:00-3:30	Break
3:30-4:30	Panel discussion Diane Finegood (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver) Joseph Lowe (HM Treasury) David Johnson (Department for Work & Pensions) Catherine Foot (Centre for Ageing Better) Tim Baxter (Department of Health & Social Care)
4:30-4:35	Concluding remarks and close