

‘Fair dinkum data for access to water: How should we engage communities to take part in generating and managing data which will benefit them directly and fairly?’

(Seminar 1pm, follow up practitioner workshop 2pm)

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Seminar Presentation

Even with recent increases in the global population able to access safe drinking water, many people continue to rely on out of house sources to obtain water for household consumption and to maintain hygiene. Proposed post 2015 Sustainable Global Development targets include ‘universal basic access to drinking water’ and ‘halving the proportion of the population without access **at home** to safely managed drinking water services by 2030’. Drawing on her work funded by the Department of International Development with the DFID tap water study group (Leeds University, University of North Carolina, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University College London, Tshwane University of Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and Hanoi School of Public Health) Jo Geere will present an overview of the current situation with respect to safe drinking water and the impact this has on the global burden of disease.

Practitioner Workshop

For people interested in exploring links with their (professional or research) practice. Jo will then facilitate a workshop to explore potential ways of achieving Sustainable Global Development targets and improving access to safe drinking water in low income regions. In particular this will be a chance to consider the role of evaluation and monitoring of water services and potential for community engagement in data collection, data management and service improvement.

Brief Biography

Jo Geere is a physiotherapist and Lecturer at the University of East Anglia. Her research interests are both qualitative and quantitative and focus on relationships between access to safe drinking water, domestic or informal work, disability and health, particularly in low income regions and communities within sub-Saharan Africa. She has worked with international teams researching disability, water fetching and health and conducted participatory capacity building workshops for health care workers and researchers in Kenya and South Africa. Jo is currently investigating community based methods of data collection and management and working with colleagues in the schools of International development and Computing Sciences, as well as Kenya and Malawi to develop an app to improve monitoring and evaluation of access to water in low income regions.

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