

DSAI SUMMER SCHOOL

“Research Methods Summer School: Exploring Practice and Challenges in the Field”

A DSA IRELAND RESEARCH METHODS SUMMER SCHOOL

Date: Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June 2017

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 (w/ Sandwich Lunch)

Venue: TRISS Seminar Room, Room C6.002 (6th Floor), Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

Rationale:

The aim of this Summer School is to explore research methods for development. Following on from the Research Methods Workshop held in September 2016, this Summer School aims to develop further the questions around research methods for development arising from the September workshop. It will focus on methods in quantitative projects, qualitative projects, and monitoring and evaluation. Specifically, it will aim to explore the building blocks of research: how it is that we collect and make sense of statistical and text data for research. The workshop will also aim to address questions that remain pertinent in working with Irish Aid funded results frameworks. Anyone with an interest in this range of topics is welcome to attend. The objective is to provide an overall sense of practical research methods which are applicable to all research and to results based management, as well as a platform for input and discussion among practitioners.

This workshop will run for two days, and will cost €100 to participate. Each day will comprise 5 sessions, and a sandwich lunch is included. Space on this workshop is limited. Please RSVP to Mairéad Finn, DSA Ireland Coordinator, at info@dsaireland.org by June 2nd 2017.

PROGRAMME – TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2017	
09:00-09:30	<i>Registration (Tea & Coffee)</i>
09:30-10:00	Introduction
10:00-11:00	Session One: Developing and Implementing a Theory of Change. <i>Ana Stiglic, Regional Monitoring & Evaluation Manager for the Norwegian Refugee Council</i>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break (Tea and Coffee)</i>
11:30-12:30	Session Two: Strengthening Ethical Practice in Development and Humanitarian Research. <i>Maja Haals Londorf, Children's Research Network and Mary van Lieshout, GOAL</i>
12:30-13:30	<i>Sandwich Lunch (Tea & Coffee)</i>
13:30-14:30	Session Three: Researching with Marginalised Communities: Focus on Children. <i>Sinéad Matson, PhD Candidate, Maynooth University.</i>
14:30-15:30	Session Four: Getting Quality Data from Interviews. <i>Dr. Paula Mayock, Director, Masters in Applied Social Research, Trinity College Dublin.</i>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break (Tea & Coffee)</i>
16:00-17:00	Session Five: Doing Better Focus Groups: A How to Guide. <i>Dr. Paula Mayock, Director, Masters in Applied Social Research, Trinity College Dublin.</i>

PROGRAMME – WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2017	
08:30-09:00	<i>Registration (Tea & Coffee)</i>
09:00-10:00	Session One: Choosing the Right Evaluation Design. <i>Ana Stiglic, Regional Monitoring & Evaluation Manager for the Norwegian Refugee Council</i>
10:00-11:00	Session Two: Data Gathering in Fragile Contexts. <i>Dr. Alex Tran, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Advisor at GOAL Global</i>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break (Tea and Coffee)</i>
11:30-12:30	Session Three: Choosing the Right Statistical Test <i>Margaryta Klymak, PhD, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin.</i>
12:30-13:30	<i>Sandwich Lunch (Tea & Coffee)</i>
13:30-14:30	Session Four: To be confirmed (TBC)
14:30-15:30	Session Five: Digital Data Gathering and Data Visualisation for Research <i>TBC</i>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break (Tea & Coffee)</i>
16:00-17:00	Session Five: Pulling it all together: The Value and Challenges of Results Frameworks in Development Programming. Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paula Nolan, Irish Aid</i> • <i>Anne-Marie Coonan, Concern Worldwide</i> • <i>Enida Friel, Oxfam Ireland</i> • <i>Peter McEvoy, Independent Consultant</i>