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The ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries
presents

A DISCUSSION

Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby

Eradicating poverty: making aid more effective

Guildhall, Bath | Tuesday 21 June | 7.00-8.30pm

ticket only: contact WeD Office 01225 384514 | wed@bath.ac.uk



AN EXHIBITION

Eradicating global poverty: challenges and prospects

Green Park Station, Bath | Tuesday 21 - Thursday 23 June | 10.00am - 4.00pm

Open to the public

includes **pre-booked schools interactive sessions:**

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The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) **Social Science Week** aims to offer everyone the opportunity to discover what the UK's social scientists are doing and how social science research can contribute to better policymaking and, ultimately, a better society.

2005 is an important year for the fight against poverty

- UN review of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Publication of the Commission for Africa Report
- The UK will take over the presidency of the G8 and in the July summit, leaders of the richest nations will discuss the points raised in the Commission for Africa Report
- The 20th anniversary of Live Aid
- A concerted effort on the part of a coalition of individuals and organisations seeking to make poverty history



The **ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD)** at the University of Bath, aims to develop an approach for understanding and comparing how different people in different social and cultural situations struggle for wellbeing. WeD seeks to produce a range of measurable and objective indicators of wellbeing, as well as detailed insights into the way that people's wellbeing, or illbeing, is achieved. In doing so WeD seeks to provide a useful framework from which a meaningful discussion of development intervention and its impact, can take place. A key guiding principle of WeD is that a sound social science understanding of the social, political, economic and cultural realities in which poor people pursue their well-being, is a necessity for effective development intervention and policy. Or put in another way: **to be effective, aid needs to engage more systematically and thoughtfully with good quality development research.**

To mark the ESRC Social Science Week, WeD is in collaboration with others to organise a public exhibition and roundtable discussion.

The **exhibition** entitled **Eradicating global poverty: challenges and prospects** will take place at Green Park Station, Bath on Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 June from 10am to 4pm. This is open to the public and will offer information on a number of key themes including

- What does it mean to talk about wellbeing and development?
- How does wellbeing make us think differently about poverty?
- What are the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)?
- Why are they so crucial in poverty reduction?
- What does the Report by the Commission for Africa say?
- How do global trading conditions affect poor countries?
- How can we make poverty history?

Teachers may book interactive sessions for small groups of 6th form students. Staff from the WeD Research Group will draw on their research experience in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Thailand and Peru, to animate the sessions. This will cover poverty issues through anecdotes, discussion and world trade games.

The **discussion** entitled **Eradicating poverty: making aid more effective** will take place at the Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath on Tuesday 21 June 2005, 7.00 to 8.30pm. This will be chaired by Jonathan Dimpleby and panel members include:

- A senior representative of DFID
- Don Foster (MP for Bath)
- Duncan Green (Head of Research, OXFAM)
- Joe Hanlon (Open University, Advisor to Jubilee 2000)
- Allister McGregor (Director, WeD)

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Admission for the discussion is by invite only.

For invites, or for information concerning any of these events, including sixth form sessions, please contact Jane French, j.french@bath.ac.uk, 01225 384511