

PROFESSOR MATT BAILLIE SMITH

Professor of Human Geography, Policy and Development and Dean of Research Culture

School of Geography and Natural Sciences, Northumbria University, UK

matt.baillie-smith@northumbria.ac.uk

PROFILE

Leading global authority on voluntary and unpaid labour in humanitarian and development contexts, producing paradigm changing and influential scholarship published in prestigious peer-reviewed international journals, including geography (e.g. Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers; Geoforum), Computer Human Interaction (CHI), Voluntary Sector Studies (e.g. Voluntas) and Design (e.g. ACM International Conference Proceedings); directing the Northumbria University Peak of Research Excellence on Volunteering, Humanitarian Crises and Development, a global hub of expertise recognised for high calibre research, policy engagement and innovative engagement and communication.

Transdisciplinary research leadership to meet global challenges, with demonstrated skills in facilitating collaboration between disciplines and managing participatory and co-creation processes, including: work package lead of the £15.2 million Living Deltas Hub bringing together geography, history, political science and climate science for sustainable futures for river delta communities in South and South East Asia; leading work connecting design, geography and education to research young people and violence in Palestine; combining refugee, development and youth studies to investigate volunteering and inequality among displaced young people in Uganda; integrating computer human interaction and social science to develop volunteer training in India.

Sustained, long-term collaborations and co-production with non-academic partners at global, national and local scales through: innovative research collaborations, participatory co-creation, long-standing partnerships (e.g. UN; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Habitat for Humanity International; VSO; Swedish Red Cross); collaborative PhD projects with industrial partners; advisory roles and board chairing with leading global actors (e.g. VSO; UN; IFRC; IAVE).

Significant impacts on policy and practice including: co-authoring the Global Review on Volunteering which informed UN Resolution 70/129 (signed by 193 countries) on 'Integrating volunteering into peace and development' and led to the creation of the Global Volunteer Alliance of 73 Red Cross National Societies; contributing to the development of IFRC's Standards for Volunteer Safety, Security and Well-being and global Volunteering Policy to 2029; co-leading Northumbria's Research Consortium delivering the 2026 UN State of the World's Volunteerism Report shaping approaches to volunteer measurement across states, NGOs and communities.

Participatory co-creation with diverse communities across Bangladesh, India, Vietnam, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, Mauritania, Palestine, the UK and USA including: working with NGOs in the Indian Sundarbans to design participatory photography and diary approaches to understanding voluntary labour, adaptation and disasters; establishing refugee youth advisory boards to co-design methodologies and concepts to research volunteering and displacement in Uganda; using design probes to enable young Palestinians to explore sustainable futures.

Building inclusive research communities and networks, creating spaces that bring together, nurture and support diverse researchers and practitioners across career trajectories and disciplines including: as Dean of Research Culture, leading institutional strategies to ensure inclusive, open and fair research practices; co-director of Northumbria University Centre for Global Development; chairing global conferences for academics (e.g. 2026 and 2028 International Society for Third Sector Research) and policy communities (e.g. 2024 International Volunteer Cooperation Organisations Conference).

Mentorship and research development, including: developing and leading innovative fellowship schemes for early career scholars (e.g. Rutherford Fund Strategic Partnership grants supporting and mentoring Palestinian researchers to develop scholarship on voluntarism); recognised mentorship and support to PGRs, early career academics and practitioners developing research agendas (e.g. Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships; EU funded Digital Citizens Summer School; distinguished faculty for the ISTR PhD Summer School); training and capacity development for global South scholars (e.g. workshop on bid development at Uganda Martyrs University).

Significant grant capture as lead and co-investigator securing over £28 million, including from high esteem government research councils (e.g. UK Research and Innovation (UKRI); UK Government's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC); the British Academy (BA); UK Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)), as well as funding from leading global development actors (e.g. United Nations Volunteers; Department For International Development; IFRC) and International NGOs (e.g. VSO; Christian Aid; Habitat for Humanity International).

QUALIFICATIONS

- **PhD Sociology** (1999) Warwick University
- **M.Phil. Sociology and Politics of Development** (1994) Cambridge University
- **B.A. (Hons) Politics** (1993) Warwick University

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Dean of Research Culture**, Northumbria University (2023 – present)
- **Professor in Human Geography, Policy and Development**, Northumbria University (2012– present)
- **Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader in Sociology**, Northumbria University (2001 – 2012)
- **Education Projects Co-ordinator**, Farmers' World Network (1999 – 2001)

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Research Council Funding

- **2022 – 2025: Insights North East (INE)** (£5.5m), Co-I of Research England funded demonstrator project illustrating how anchor institutions can collaborate to maximise the potential for university research to inform place-based policy-making and practice.
- **2020 – 2024: Capabilities and Academic Policy Engagement (CAPE)** (£3.9m), Co-I of Research England funded collaborative project between UCL, Cambridge, Manchester, Nottingham and Northumbria universities exploring and testing innovations in approaches to engagement between academic research and policy-making.
- **2019 – 2022: Skills acquisition and employability through volunteering by displaced youth in Uganda – Refugee Youth Volunteering Uganda (RYVU)** (ES/S005439/1) (£873,259), PI of ESRC/GCRF funded mixed-methods (surveys, co-creation with network of youth advisors, participatory photography, workshops, interviews), multi-site project working in partnership with Ugandan Universities and civil society organisations exploring youth volunteering amongst refugee populations, engaging over 3,800 participants and stakeholders.
- **2019 – 2024: UKRI GCRF Living Deltas Hub** (£15.2m), Co-I and work package lead of global transdisciplinary project, leading work using participatory and co-creation approaches to understand young people's experiences of change and their strategies to build more sustainable futures for delta dwelling communities.
- **2018 – 2020: Young Palestinians' experiences of housing demolitions: youth agency for sustainable development?** (SDP2/100391) (£262,238), PI of BA/GCRF funded interdisciplinary project using participatory design to understand how young people respond to and experience housing demolitions.
- **2018 – 2019: Rutherford Fund Strategic Partnerships Grant, An-Najah-Northumbria Partnership** (£147,000), PI of Universities UK International funded capacity building project supporting academics from Palestine to spend a year in the UK supported and mentored by Northumbria academics to develop research on volunteering and civil society.
- **2009 – 2010: Youth transitions, international volunteering and religious transformations** (AH/G016461/1) (£89,000), Co-I of AHRC/ESRC funded research project researching the experiences of young Christians in the UK who participate in volunteering overseas.
- **2008 – 2010: Activism, volunteering and citizenship** (RES-451-26-0561) (£14,951), PI of ESRC funded seminar series and network development building interdisciplinary network across sectors and career trajectories.

Global Development Organisation Funding and Collaborations

- **2024 – ongoing: UN State of the World's Volunteerism Report** (£242,000) Co-PI of NU Research Consortium delivering flagship global report on volunteering focusing on volunteer measurement, bringing together global research and policy experts to develop actionable insight and understanding of volunteer measurement.
- **2023 – ongoing: Understanding Volunteering at Habitat** (£191,000), PI of Habitat for Humanity International funded collaborative research to analyse Habitat's global strategies for volunteering, using

participatory approaches to work with practitioners and volunteers to co-create scalable and multi-perspective approaches to assessing volunteering impacts.

- **2021: IFRC Volunteering Policy Study** (£18,000), PI of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Spanish Red Cross funded analysis of the 2011 IFRC Volunteering Policy, designing and facilitating internal consultations and analysis to support the development of the organisation's new volunteering policy setting out strategies for volunteering development in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement up to 2029.
- **2020 – 2022: Volunteering Together: Blending Knowledge and Skills for Development** (£140,000), Co-PI of VSO funded collaborative project analysing how volunteer teams can deliver development outcomes together and improve livelihoods in Uganda, Nepal and Tanzania.
- **2015 – 2016: Impact Beyond Volunteering** (£6,000), Co-I of VSO funded collaborative project exploring post-volunteering citizenship and social action.
- **2015 – 2017: Volunteers in Conflict and Emergencies Initiative (ViCE)** (£1.1m), Research Director of Swedish Red Cross funded transdisciplinary project exploring the lived experiences of volunteers in conflicts and humanitarian crises producing learning sets, training and advocacy to improve safety, security and well-being.
- **2012: Securitisation and development: the military as new development actors** (£8,644), Co-I of Development Studies Association/Department for International Development 'New Ideas Initiative'.
- **2012 – 2015: Global Review on Volunteering**, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Co-Author of world's largest qualitative study of global volunteering trends developed in partnership with IFRC, with fieldwork delivered by IFRC staff and volunteers in 158 countries.
- **2010 – 2012: Understanding Connect2: international faith and development links between the UK, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Brazil, Rwanda, Bangladesh and Cambodia** (£7,000), PI of Catholic Fund for Overseas Development funded research analysing new international development linking project and the ways transnational solidarities and civic engagement are shaped by and shape faith and community activity in UK and overseas parishes.
- **2005 – 2007: Development Education and Development Studies** (£47,000), PI of UK Department for International Development (DfID) funded research project analysing connections and dissonances between Development Education and Development Studies, producing a strategic plan and research agenda for key stakeholders, including the Department for International Development and Development Education Association.
- **2002 – 2006: Building a Social Development Strategy for the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development, Khartoum, Sudan** (£35,000), Research Director of project developing a social development strategy within projects in the Middle East and North Africa. Role included commissioning background papers, managing and training a team of local research staff and partners in Jordan and Khartoum, stakeholder analyses and social impact assessments and authorship of final report.
- **1999 – 2001: Rural Community Linking** (£250,000), Project Co-director of European Commission funded project building global community exchanges and links to support rural development.
- **1999 – 2001: Rural Development Awareness Raising** (£250,000), Project Co-director of DfID funded project working with rural communities in the UK to raise understanding of global development; responsible for authorship of successful funding bid, management, training and support of project staff, including full time project worker, project administrator and project volunteers, monitoring and evaluation of project and reporting to project funder.

Collaborative and Externally Funded Studentships and Fellowships

- **2025 – ongoing (expected completion 2029): “Voluntary labour and climate adaptation: The role of humanitarian health interventions”** (c.£53,000 plus fees): Zohreh Fakhari, NINE DTP ESRC Doctoral Studentship.
- **2024 – ongoing (expected completion 2027): ‘Transforming volunteering in development’** (£36,000 plus match funding): Janet Clark, Collaborative PhD with the INGO Forum.
- **2021 – ongoing (expected completion 2027): “Transformation or Compliance? Everyday experiences of Social Entrepreneurship among women refugees in Uganda”** (c.£53,000 plus fees): Lindsay Bewick, Northern Bridge AHRC Doctoral Studentship.

- **2021 – 2026: “The role of youth voluntary actions in Disaster Risk Reduction in the Ganges Brahmaputra and Meghna (GBM) delta”** (c.£53,000 plus fees): Shamima Akter Shanu, Northern Bridge AHRC Doctoral Studentship.
- **2018 – 2025: “Localisation and global social change: agency, intent and learning in INGO/supporter relations”** (£18,000): Robert Bowden, collaborative PhD in partnership with the INGO Christian Aid.
- **2019 – 2025: “Deterritorialised responsibilities: diaspora, civil society and development”** (£75,403): Dr Sarah Peck, Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship.
- **2012 – 2016: “Diaspora volunteering: promoting flexible ways of re-engagement, volunteering and development in Nigeria and Nepal”** (£17,000): Nisha Thomas, collaborative PhD in partnership with the INGO Voluntary Services Overseas.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Clark, J., Banerjee S., **Baillie Smith, M.** and Maida M. (forthcoming). Becoming difficult over time: women’s voluntary labour in the Indian Sundarbans. *Development in Practice*.
- Peck, S., and **Baillie Smith, M.** (2026). Infrastructures of (Dis)Connection: Declining Overseas Development Assistance and the Shifting Geographies of Development. *The Geographical Journal* 192, no. 1: e70072. <https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.70072>.
- Mills, S., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., & Okech, M. (2025). Reconceptualising volunteering, crisis and precarity: the experiences of refugee youth in Uganda during COVID-19. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 26(8), 871–894. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2025.2479689>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Mills, S. (2025). Immigration and the contested politics of volunteering as ‘good behaviour.’ *Space and Polity*, 29(2), 156–159. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13562576.2025.2539744>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., Ahimbisibwe, F., Turyamureeba, R. (2025). Refugee Volunteering and Responses to Displacement in Uganda: Navigating Service-Delivery, Work and Precarity. *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.7227/jha.121>
- Okech, M., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B. and S. Mills (2024). The Reproduction of Inequality Through Volunteering by Young Refugees in Uganda. *Voluntas* 35, 676–686. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-023-00631-6>
- Fadel, B., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Mills, S., Rogerson, D., Sahasranaman, A., Okech, M., Turyamureeba, R., Tukundane, C., Ahimbisibwe, F., Boyle, O., & Kanyandago, P. (2024). The scale, forms and distribution of volunteering amongst refugee youth populations in Uganda. *Population, Space and Place*, 30, e2817. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2817>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., O’Loughlen, A., & Hazeldine, S. (2022). Volunteering hierarchies in the global South: remuneration and livelihoods. *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 33(1), 93–106. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-020-00254-1>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Mills, S., Okech, M., & Fadel, B. (2022). Uneven geographies of youth volunteering in Uganda: multi-scalar discourses and practices. *Geoforum*, 134, 30–39. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2022.05.006>
- Beckwith, L., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Hensengerth, O., Nguyen, H., Greru, C., Warrington, S., Nguyen, T., Smith, G., Minh, T. M. T., Nguyen, L., & Woolner, P. (2022). Youth participation in environmental action in Vietnam: Learning citizenship in liminal spaces. *The Geographical Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/GEOJ.12479>
- Clarke, R., Talhouk, R., Beshtawi, A., Barham, K., Boyle, O., Griffiths, M., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2022). Decolonising in, by and through participatory design with political activists in Palestine. *ACM International Conference Proceeding Series*, 1, 36–49. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3536169.3537778>
- Varghese, D., Bartindale, T., Montague, K., **Baillie Smith, M.**, & Olivier, P. (2022). Supporting Real-time Peer-Mentoring of Rural Volunteers. *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3491102.3517598>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Thomas, N., & Hazeldine, S. (2021). Rethinking Volunteering and Cosmopolitanism: Beyond Individual Mobilities and Personal Transformations. *Geopolitics*, 26(5), 1353–1375. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2019.1666106>

- Varghese, D., Olivier, P., Bartindale, T., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2020). Towards Participatory Video 2.0. *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Proceedings*.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3313831.3376694>
- Varghese, D., Rainey, J., Montague, K., Bartindale, T., Olivier, P., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2020). Utilizing Participant Voice in Volunteer Training. *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3313831.3376208>
- Cadesky, J., **Baillie Smith, M.**, & Thomas, N. (2019). The gendered experiences of local volunteers in conflicts and emergencies. *Gender and Development*, 27(2), 371–388.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13552074.2019.1615286>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Laurie, N., & Griffiths, M. (2018). South-South volunteering and development. *The Geographical Journal*, 184(2), 158–168. <https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12243>
- Laurie, N., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2018). Unsettling geographies of volunteering and development. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 43(1), 95–109. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12205>
- Reid, B., Laurie, N., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2018). International Voluntary Health Networks (IVHNs). A social-geographical framework. *Health and Place*, 50, 73–80. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.12.005>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Jenkins, K. (2017). Civil society activists and vulnerability in South India: the relational politics of life history methods and development research. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 18(7), 951–970. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2016.1216157>
- Hopkins, P., Olson, E., **Baillie Smith, M.**, & Laurie, N. (2015). Transitions to religious adulthood: relational geographies of youth, religion and international volunteering. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 40(3), 387–398. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12083>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Yanacopulos, H. (2014). The public faces of development: An introduction. *Journal of International Development*, 16(5), 657–664. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.1118>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Laurie, N., Hopkins, P., & Olson, E. (2013). International volunteering, faith and subjectivity: Negotiating cosmopolitanism, citizenship and development. *Geoforum*, 45, 126–135. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2012.10.010>
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2013). Public imaginaries of development and complex subjectivities: the challenge for development studies. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 34(3), 400–415. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02255189.2013.825204>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Jenkins, K. (2012). Existing at the Interface: Indian NGO Activists as Strategic Cosmopolitans. *Antipode*, 44(3), 640–662. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-8330.2011.00888.x>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Laurie, N. (2011). International volunteering and development: Global citizenship and neoliberal professionalisation today. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 36(4), 545–559. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1475-5661.2011.00436.x>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Jenkins, K. (2011). Disconnections and exclusions: professionalization, cosmopolitanism and (global?) civil society. *Global Networks*, 11(2), 160–179. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1471-0374.2011.00317.x>
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2011). International non-governmental development organizations and their Northern constituencies: development education, dialogue and democracy. *Journal of Global Ethics*, 4(1), 5–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449620701855270>
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.** (2004). Contradiction and change? NGOs, schools and the public faces of development. *Journal of International Development*, 16(5), 741–749. <https://doi.org/10.1002/JID.1125>
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.** (2004). Mediating the world: development, education and global citizenship. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 2(1), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1476772042000177050>
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.** (2002). Globalisation and local experience: encounters with difference in a UK school. *The Sociological Review*, 50(1), 117–135. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-954X.00357>
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.** (1999). Teaching the “Third World”: Unsettling discourses of difference in the school curriculum. *Oxford Review of Education*, 25(4), 485–499. <https://doi.org/10.1080/030549899103946>

Books

- Skinner, A., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Brown, E., & Troll, T. (Eds.). (2016). *Education, learning, and the transformation of development* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315667607>
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.** (Ed.). (2007). *Negotiating Boundaries and Borders: Qualitative Methodology and Development Research* (1st ed., Vol. 8). Emerald Group Publishing Limited. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192\(06\)08001-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192(06)08001-3)

Book Chapters

- Fadel, B., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Ahimbisibwe, F., Boyle, O., Freimane, I., Kanyandago, P., ... & Turyamureeba, R. (2024, December). VII. 9 Freiwilliges Engagement von geflüchteten Jugendlichen in Uganda. In *Zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement und Freiwilligendienste* (pp. 763-772). Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG.
- Tibaingana, A., **Baillie Smith, M.**, & Newbery, R. (2022). Exploring Refugees Entrepreneurial Support Organisations in Uganda. In R. Newbery, Y. Baranchenko, & C. Bell (Eds.), *Entrepreneurial Place Leadership: Negotiating the Entrepreneurial Landscape* (Vol. 15, pp. 73–89). Emerald Publishing Limited. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S2040-724620220000015005>
- Thomas, N., **Baillie Smith, M.**, & Laurie, N. (2020). Diaspora volunteering: A tool for development or a channel for diasporic (re)engagement with countries of origin - a case study from Nepal. In S. I. Rajan (Ed.), *South Asia Migration Report 2020: Exploitation, Entrepreneurship and Engagement* (1st ed.). Routledge India. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429321450>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Jenkins, K. (2018). Civil society activists and vulnerability in South India: the relational politics of life history methods and development research. In N. von Benzon & L. Van Blerk (Eds.), *Geographical Research with "Vulnerable Groups": Re-examining Methodological and Ethical Process* (1st ed., pp. 57–76). Routledge.
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2016). Global citizenship and development: From benevolence to global justice? In J. Grugel & D. Hammett (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of International Development* (1st ed., pp. 99–117). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-137-42724-3_6
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Laurie, N., Brown, E., Griffiths, M., & Humble, D. (2016). Education, International Volunteering, and Citizenship: Young People's Subjectivities and Geographies of Development. In N. Ansell, N. Klocker, & T. Skelton (Eds.), *Geographies of Global Issues: Change and Threat* (1st ed., Vol. 8, pp. 179–198). Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-4585-54-5_21
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2014). Development education, global citizenship and international volunteering. In V. Desai & R. Potter (Eds.), *The Companion to Development Studies* (3rd ed., pp. 507–512). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203528983-103>
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2012). 'India postcard' in Phillips, R. 'How to be an explorer.' In R. Phillips & J. Johns (Eds.), *Fieldwork for human geography*. SAGE Publications Ltd.
- Yanacopulos, H., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2007). Ambivalent cosmopolitanism: NGOs and public engagement. In S. Hickey, D. C. Mitlin, & A. Bebbington (Eds.), *Can NGOs Make a Difference? The Challenge of Development Alternatives* (1st ed., pp. 298–315). Zed Books. <https://doi.org/10.5040/9781350218833>
- Humble, D., & **(Baillie) Smith, M.** (2007). What Counts as Development Research? In *Negotiating Boundaries and Borders* (1st ed., Vol. 8, pp. 13–34). Emerald Group Publishing Limited. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192\(06\)08002-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192(06)08002-5)
- (Baillie) Smith, M.** (2007). Negotiating Boundaries and Borders: Qualitative Methodology and Development Research. In M. (Baillie) Smith (Ed.), *Negotiating Boundaries and Borders* (1st ed., Vol. 8, pp. 1–9). Emerald Group Publishing Limited. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192\(06\)08001-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192(06)08001-3)
- (Baillie) Smith, M.**, & Donnelly, J. (2004). Power, inequality, change and uncertainty: viewing the world through the development prism. In C. J. Pole (Ed.), *Seeing is Believing? Approaches to Visual Research* (1st ed., Vol. 7, pp. 123–145). Emerald Group Publishing Limited. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192\(04\)07008-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1042-3192(04)07008-9)
- (Baillie) Smith, M.**, Donnelly, J., & Parker, A. (2004). Sustainable Development, Sociology and UK Higher Education. In J. Blewitt & C. Cullingford (Eds.), *The Sustainability Curriculum* (1st ed., pp. 191–207). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781849773287-16>

Editorials

- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Troll, T. (2013). Methodologies for Development Education research. *International Journal of Development Education and Global Learning (Special Issue Editorial and Introduction)*
- Baillie Smith, M.**, & Jenkins, K. (2012). Editorial: Emotional methodologies – The emotional spaces of international development. *Emotion, Space and Society*, 5(2), 75–77. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.emospa.2011.10.007> (Special Issue Editorial and Introduction)
- Baillie Smith, M.** (2012). Reimagining Development Education for a Changing Geopolitical Landscape. *Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review*, 15, 1-7. <https://www.developmenteducationreview.com/issue/issue-15/reimagining-development-education-changing-geopolitical-landscape> (Guest Editorial)

Policy Briefs and Research Reports

- Fadel, B., Mills, S. and **Baillie Smith M.** (2022). *Improving refugee livelihoods through volunteering*. RYVU Policy Briefing 1. www.ryvu.org/policy-briefings (English, French, Arabic and Swahili).
- Fadel, B., Mills, S. and **Baillie Smith M.** (2022). *Enhancing the impacts of volunteering on refugee skills and employability*. RYVU Policy Briefing 2. www.ryvu.org/policy-briefings (English, French, Arabic and Swahili)
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Jenkins, K., Adong, C., Anguan, G., Baniya, J., Baskota, P., Boudewijn, I., Fadel, B., Gibby, P., Kamanyi, E., Mademba, S., Okech, M., & Sharma, R. (2022). *Volunteering Together: Blending Knowledge and Skills for Development*. <https://www.vsointernational.org/our-work/research-and-evaluations/our-research/blending-knowledge-and-skills-for-development>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Jenkins, K., Baniya, J., Baskota, P., Mademba, S., Sharma, R., Boudewijn, I., Fadel, B., & Gibby, P. (2022). *Volunteering Together: Blending Knowledge and Skills for Development, Nepal Case Study Report*. <https://www.vsointernational.org/our-work/research-and-evaluations/our-research/blending-knowledge-and-skills-for-development>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Jenkins, K., Okech, M., Adong, C., Anguan, G. M., Boudewijn, I., Fadel, B., & Gibby, P. (2022). *Volunteering Together: Blending Knowledge and Skills for Development, Uganda Case Study Report*. <https://www.vsointernational.org/our-work/research-and-evaluations/our-research/blending-knowledge-and-skills-for-development>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Jenkins, K., Kamanyi, E., Boudewijn, I., Fadel, B., & Gibby, P. (2021). *Volunteering Together: Blending Knowledge and Skills for Development, Tanzania Case Study Report*. <https://www.vsointernational.org/our-work/research-and-evaluations/our-research/blending-knowledge-and-skills-for-development>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., Richardson, B., & Boyle, O. (2021). *Shaping the future of volunteering today: A study on the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Volunteering Policy*.
- Okech, M., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Mills, S, Fadel, B. (2021). "A poor man cannot volunteer". IVCO Conference Paper. <https://forum-ids.org/a-poor-man-cannot-volunteer/>
- Okech, M., **Baillie Smith, M.**, Mills, S. (2021). *Volunteering, Livelihoods and Skills in Uganda*. RYVU Working Paper. <https://www.ryvu.org/blog/working-paper-on-volunteering-skills-and-livelihoods-in-uganda>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Thomas, N., Agerhem, S., Cadesky, J., Fadel, B., Paz, B. V. & Griffiths, M. ViCE - Volunteering in Conflicts and Emergencies Initiative. (2018). *Series of Thematic Papers*. <http://www.rcrcvice.org/>
- Hazeldine, S., **Baillie Smith, M.** (2015). *Global Review on Volunteering*. <https://www.ifrc.org/media/13716>
- Baillie Smith, M.**, Humble, D. (2007). *Development Education and Development Studies*. Report on research findings to DFID.
- Ahmed, H., Niveen, G., (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.**, Donnelly, J., Elkheir, K., Jabarin, A. (2006). *Social Development and Social Responsibility in the Agadi/Blue Nile Region of Sudan: Findings and Recommendations for AAAID*.
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.**, Dodgson, R. (2006). *Ten Year Evaluation of the INTRAC NGO Research Programme*. Commissioned consultancy report.
- (**Baillie**) **Smith, M.**, Simpson, K. (2005). *NGO codes of conduct on representation*. Report for British Overseas NGOs for Development working group on the 'Future of NGOs'.

IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

Selected Key Impacts on Policy and Practice

- Co-led the Northumbria University Research Consortium team working on the 2026 UN **State of the World's Volunteerism Report**, '**Volunteerism and its measurements**'. This flagship global publication responds to the call for improved data, tools, and frameworks for measuring volunteering and offers actionable tools and insights for volunteers' roles to be recognised and better integrated into policy and practice.
- Co-authored **Global Review on Volunteering** (2015) cited by the UN Secretary General Report to the UN General Assembly; directly informed UN Resolution 70/129 (*Integrating volunteering into peace and development*) and Red Cross Resolution 32IC/15/R5, signed by 193 countries; catalysed formation of the IFRC Global Volunteer Alliance (73 National Societies).

- Research findings shaped the **UN Call to Action on Volunteering in the Decade of Action**, aligning volunteer efforts with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **RYVU project** (2020) cited as best practice in the Red Cross Resolution 32IC/15/R5 implementation report;
- **Research recognised** in the 2018 UN State of the World's Volunteerism Report and the UN Secretary General's 2018 report.
- As **Research Director of the Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies Initiative**, led development of new IFRC standards for volunteer safety, security and well-being in crisis settings.
- **IFRC Volunteering Policy Study** (2020) directly shaped the new IFRC global volunteering policy, setting the Movement's strategic vision to 2029.
- Research on development education and deliberation informed **CAFOD's Connect2 programme**, a new model of UK–global South community dialogue that challenged established fundraising practice.

Invited Policy Speeches

- **2025: Speaker, ‘Transformative and Impactful Volunteering’**, Side event to the launch of the 2026 State of the World’s Volunteerism Report (SWVR) and the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IVY 2026). Online.
- **2024: Chair and speaker, ‘Volunteering and Social Protection’**, IFRC International Conference, Geneva. Invited role delivering scene setting introduction and facilitating multi-lingual global INGO and Red Cross panel discussion. Geneva, Switzerland.
- **2023: Invited speaker, ‘Responsibilities, relationships and regrets? Multiple crises as catalysts for change in international volunteering’**, 5th European Forum Meeting of International Volunteering Organisations. Førde, Norway.
- **2023: Invited speaker, ‘Volunteering, Youth Employability and Skills Development: Research and Evidence’**, UNV Webinar. Online.
- **2022: ‘A new dawn for volunteering in development’**, Presentation, International Volunteering Cooperation Organisations (IVCO) hosted by Crossroads International, International Bureau for Children’s Rights and Forum. Saly, Senegal.
- **2021: ‘Inclusive Volunteering for Global Equality’**, Presentation, IVCO Conference hosted by ActionAid Hellas and Forum. Online.
- **2021: ‘Volunteering and COVID-19’**, invited contribution to UK Evidence Group Roundtable. Online.
- **2020: ‘Reimagining Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda’**, Global Technical Meeting (GTM2020). Online.
- **2019: ‘The Power of Relationships: Volunteering as a people-based approach’**, Presentation, IVCO Conference, Kigali, Rwanda.
- **2019: ‘Advancing Quality in Volunteering for Development’**, Presentation, IVCO Conference hosted by Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) and Forum. Kigali, Rwanda.
- **2018: ‘Thinking differently about international volunteering’**, Presentation, Irish Development Education Association, Dublin, Ireland.
- **2018: ‘Volunteers in conflicts and emergencies’**, Presentation, Global Volunteer Alliance, Madrid, Spain.
- **2018: ‘Volunteering for development’**, Presentation, VSO at 60 Roundtable, Portcullis House, Westminster, London.
- **2017: ‘Volunteers in conflicts and emergencies’**, Presentation, Global Volunteer Alliance, Nairobi, Kenya.
- **2016: ‘Researching volunteering: new insights’**, Research Roundtable, International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE) Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.
- **2015: ‘Volunteering in Africa: findings from the Global Review’**. Presentation, IFRC Global Conference, Geneva, Switzerland.
- **2015: ‘Volunteering and the SDGs’**, Presentation, Volunteering for Sustainable Change, Portcullis House, Westminster, London.
- **2015: ‘The Global Review on Volunteering’**, Address to IFRC General Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland.
- **2014: ‘Volunteers of and against crisis?’** Workshop Keynote, IFRC European Conference, Florence, Italy.

- **2012: ‘Finding awareness in unusual forms and places’**. Workshop, Irish Development Education Association/Developing Europeans Engagement for the Eradication of Poverty Project, Brussels, Belgium.
- **2012: ‘Creating spaces, empowering citizens’**. Keynote, Euro-Mediterranean Civil Society Souk: Citizens as actors of change, UN Buffer Zone, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **2011: ‘Citizen participation and the Beyond 2015 process’**. Panellist at high level European Development Days meeting, Warsaw, Poland.
- **2011: ‘Development education, citizenship and global civil society’**. Keynote, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development, Development Awareness Raising and Education Forum, Brussels, Belgium.
- **2012: ‘Finding frames and CAFOD connect2: connections and communities’**. Presentation to British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND) ‘Public Engagement’ event for UK NGOs and civil society actors, London, UK.
- **2005: ‘Negotiating education, fundraising and campaigning’**. Presentation, British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND) Seminar on the Future of NGOs, London, UK.
- **1998: ‘Community Agenda 21: Facing the Social Challenge’**. Presentation, public sector employees, consultants and academics promoting local and global strategies of sustainable development. Coventry University/Coventry City Council, UK.

Key Stakeholder Engagements

- **2026: Speaker, ‘State of the World’s Volunteerism Report: Volunteerism and its measurements’**, Global Webinar Series. Online.
- **2025: Chair and speaker, ‘Strengthening Civil Society in Challenging Times’**, Plenary Roundtable, IVCO Conference, Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- **2025: Co-Facilitator, ‘State of the World’s Volunteerism Report Policy Workshop’**, High-level stakeholder workshop on volunteer measurement, Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- **2025: Knowledge exchange with St Oswald’s Hospice on volunteering and social impact**, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2025: Knowledge exchange with Dr Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner for East and North East India** about volunteer measurement and evidence on the contributions of volunteers to peace, development and climate action, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2024: Chair, Intergovernmental panel, ‘Aid workers in danger’**, IFRC International Conference, Geneva, sponsored by EU DG Echo, the IFRC and French NGO Aid in Danger, including ensuring session neutrality and managing formal responses from government ministries.
- **2024: Invited speaker, ‘Narratives and Images from Volunteers in the Indian Sundarbans’**, photography exhibition and launch of a bilingual photobook showcasing the findings of research on the role of voluntary work in meeting the challenges of climate change. British Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, India.
- **2024: Invited conference host and speaker, ‘Building and Sustaining Connections for Change: Volunteering for Solidarity’**, IVCO Annual Conference: first university hosting of leading global policy maker conference on volunteering and development, bringing together leading global organisations and governments. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2023: Invited speaker, ‘Volunteering, humanitarian crises and development: beyond the ‘gap year’**”, Public Lecture Series, Tyne & Wear Branch of the Geographical Association. King’s Priory School, Tynemouth, UK.
- **2023: Invited speaker, ‘Innovative and Participatory Approaches to Volunteering Research: Learning from the Refugee Youth Volunteering Uganda Project’**, IFRC Global Innovation Summit. Online.
- **2023: Co-facilitator, ‘Opening of the Refugee Youth Volunteering Uganda (RYVU) Exhibit at Loughborough University Art Gallery**. Loughborough, UK.
- **2022: Lead and facilitator of Refugee Volunteering Side-Event, IVCO Conference**, Saly, Senegal: participatory workshop for leading global volunteering engaging organisations exploring refugee volunteer experiences, using games and visual tools from the ESRC/GCRF RYVU Project (Baillie Smith PI).

- **2022: Lead and facilitator of Stakeholder Activities as part of the RYVU Project Photo-Exhibit “Volunteering, Displacement & Livelihoods: Photographs by Young Refugees in Uganda”**, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. The RYVU Project (Baillie Smith PI) photo exhibit at Gallery North, Northumbria University, was visited by nearly 500 people, including community members, university students and staff, and NGO stakeholders from refugee organisations in Newcastle. It was also part of the UK 2022 Refugee Week calendar of events.
- **2022: Lead and facilitator of Stakeholder Activities as part of the RYVU Project Engagement and Photo Exhibit**, Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Mbarara City, and Kampala City, Uganda. The RYVU Project (Baillie Smith PI) engagement activities, including a pop-up version of the photo exhibit, were attended by over 450 people, including refugee communities, government officials and representatives from humanitarian and development organisations in Uganda.
- **2021: Lead and facilitator of webinar “Volunteering, skills development and employability: reversing the narrative?”**. Online activity organised as part of the RYVU Project (Baillie Smith PI) and attended by over 40 participants bringing together key academics and stakeholders in Uganda to share knowledge and exchange ideas for future research and policy development on skills and volunteering in Uganda.
- **2019: Director, Global Development Summer School**, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: 3-day event bringing together leading global development organisations, academics and students from North East universities to explore the future of global development policy, practice and activism.
- **2018: Lead, Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies Exhibit for the Great Exhibition of the North**, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. Walk-through exhibit drawing upon ViCE Initiative data (Baillie Smith Research Director) to explore the daily lives of volunteers in conflicts and emergencies, inviting the public to discover who the volunteers are, the vital jobs they do, how they cope with the traumas they witness and how they can be supported and protected.
- **2016: Lead and facilitator, Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies Data Analysis Workshop**, IAVE Conference, Mexico City, Mexico: participatory workshop engaging volunteer engaging organisations to explore findings from the VICE Initiative (Baillie Smith Research Director).

Blogs, Media and Other Outputs

- **2025: Blog:** Clark, J. O’Brien, J. & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2025, November 18). International volunteering in development: why it isn’t voluntourism and why this matters. *Bond*.
<https://www.bond.org.uk/news/2025/11/international-volunteering-in-development-why-it-isnt-voluntourism-and-why-this-matters/>
- **2025: Blog:** Banks, N.; Baillie Smith, M. & Underhill, H. (2025, April 16). Building new constituencies amidst destruction: the missing piece in shifting power agendas. *Alliance Magazine*.
<https://www.alliancemagazine.org/blog/building-new-constituencies-amidst-destruction-the-missing-piece-in-shifting-power-agendas/>
- **2024: Conference Report:** International Volunteers Cooperation Organisations (IVCO) 2024 Conference Report - Building and Sustaining Connections for Change: Volunteering for Solidarity. Northumbria University IVCO 2024 Organising Team.
<https://doi.org/10.25398/rd.northumbria.28287251>
- **2024: Conference Background Paper:** King, D., Brennan, F., Fadel, B., Mpofu, M., **Baillie Smith, M.** International Volunteers Cooperation Organisations (IVCO) 2024 Background Paper - Building and Sustaining Connections for Change: Volunteering for Solidarity.
<https://doi.org/10.25398/rd.northumbria.25975255>
- **2022: Interactive Games:** Development of games and visual tools for policy engagement with key stakeholders (e.g. government officials, NGO staff, refugees) as part of the research impact and dissemination strategies of the ESRC/GCRF-funded project Refugee Youth Volunteering Project (RYVU) (www.ryvu.org/games)
 - *RYVU Volunteering Journey*: Interactive role play game using research data to enable participants to explore issues of inequality and access in volunteer engagement.

- *RYVU Photo Pairing Game*: Interactive game using Photovoice data to enable participants to critically interrogate different meanings of volunteering across humanitarian, development and other contexts.
- *RYVU Volunteering Diamond*: ranking game using data to enable participants to explore contrasting perceptions of volunteering and how this impacts policy and practice.
- **2022: Interview**: Television report in the local channel Tyne & Wear TV about the photo exhibit “Volunteering, Displacement & Livelihoods: Photographs by Young Refugees in Uganda”. <https://www.ryvu.org/blog/media-coverage-of-ryvu-photo-exhibit>
- **2022: Think Piece**: Millora, C., & **Baillie Smith, M.** (2022). Volunteering, solidarity and development: exploring the links. *Voluntaris*, 1, 101–104. <https://doi.org/10.5771/2196-3886-2022-1-101>
- **2020: Blog**: Baillie Smith, M. (2020, May 19). Coronavirus volunteers aren’t just a source of free labour – don’t take advantage of them. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-volunteers-arent-just-a-source-of-free-labour-dont-take-advantage-of-them-136103>
- **2020: Blog**: **Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., O’Loughlen, A., & Hazeldine, S. (2020, October 26). It’s time to talk about paying volunteers. *Solferino Academy Thought Piece*. <https://solferinoacademy.com/its-time-to-talk-about-paying-volunteers/>
- **2018: Interview**: The backbone and the brains. *International Red Cross Red Crescent Magazine*, Geneva. <https://www.rcrcmagazine.org/2018/06/the-backbone-and-the-brains/>
- **2018: Blog**: **Baillie Smith, M.**, Fadel, B., Thomas, N. Service deliverers or agents of change? *IFRC Global Volunteering Alliance*, Geneva.
- **2015: Interview**: **Baillie Smith, M.** The complex picture of volunteer payment. *Interview with DEVEX*, Geneva.

Advisory Roles

- **2025**: High Level Advisory Group on the Strategic Reorientation of the IFRC
- **2024**: UN Global Technical Meeting on Reimagining Volunteering for 2030.
- **2022**: Academic advisor, ‘A New Dawn for Volunteering for Development’, International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum), supporting the development of a facilitated volunteering strategy and actionable recommendations for Forum members on the themes of Covid-19, climate action, and diversity and inclusion.
- **2021 – 2022**: Chair of Advisory Board of Research on Volunteering Leadership and COVID-19 for the global INGO, International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), managing an expert panel and providing expert guidance into the research’s framework and methodology for engaging with national leaderships for volunteering in 67 countries.
- **2020**: Member, United Nations Volunteers/ International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Expert Group of the Global Technical Meeting on “Reimagining Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda” (GTM 2020).
- **2018 – ongoing**: Trustee, COCO, Newcastle-based NGO established by Steve Cram (CBE) supporting education projects in East Africa.
- **2018 – 2019**: Advisor, Evaluation of DFID Funded VSO Volunteering for Development Programme.
- **2016 – 2020**: Advisor, Evaluation of DFID Funded International Citizen Service Programme.
- **2016 – 2025**: Advisor, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Global Volunteer Alliance.
- **2016 – 2018**: Advisor, DFID Global Learning Programme.
- **2014**: Advisor to United Nations Volunteers on design of flagship State of the World’ Volunteering Report
- **2012 – 2018**: Member of advisory council of NGO Think Global, elected by development education practitioners, policy makers and specialists.
- **2011 – 2016**: Advisor, European Multi-Stakeholder Process on Development Education (EU wide mechanism bringing together European policy makers, national country representatives and NGOs to facilitate consultation on development engagement strategy and policy).
- **2000 – 2007**: Development Education Association Higher Education Strategy Group, UK.
- **1999 – 2001**: Global Education Advisor, VSO Overseas Training Programme.

Institutional Citizenship and Research Leadership

- **2022 – ongoing:** Lead, “Volunteering, Humanitarian Crises and Development”, Research Peak of Excellence at Northumbria University, leading the development of a global hub of research expertise, knowledge exchange and learning on volunteering in humanitarian crises and development contexts.
- **2020 –2024:** Northumbria lead and Co-I of the Capabilities of Academic Policy Engagement (CAPE) Project (Research England - £3.9m), leading the testing and exploration of new academic/policy engagements at institutional and national level (e.g. policy fellowships and exchanges; knowledge exchange events; community of policy and practice).
- **2022 – 2024:** Co-I, Insights North East (Research England - £5.5m), leading capacity building for place based policy engagement across project HEIs and partners.
- **2019 – 2023:** Director, “Global Development Futures” Interdisciplinary Research Theme at Northumbria University, academic lead and founder of cross institutional research initiative focused on building equitable and ethical research partnerships and collaborations for global development.
- **2018 – 2020:** Global Challenges Summit (Newcastle, Northumbria and Durham Universities), Northumbria academic lead, including facilitating and hosting reception for visiting local and international dignitaries.
- **2016 – 2021:** Academic lead, Global Challenges Research Fund at Northumbria University, co-development and delivery of Northumbria’s Global Challenges Research Fund QR Strategy, ensuring the embedding of key GCRF values and approaches in Northumbria research (e.g. equitable partnerships; ECR capacity building and support).
- **2012 – ongoing:** Co-Director, Centre for Global Development at Northumbria University: Co-developed vision and establishment of first North East interdisciplinary global development centre, attracting significant RCUK and contract research income.

Research Mentoring and Early Career Development

- **2020 – 2025:** Mentor and host for Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow, Dr Sarah Peck.
- **2018 – 2021:** Managed and supported 4 Northumbria Vice Chancellors GCRF Fellows to full-time permanent posts from across Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities.
- **2018 – 2019:** Managed and mentored 4 visiting Rutherford Fund Strategic Partnership Fellows from Palestine, through support for publications, project design and career development.
- **2011 – 2012:** ESRC host institution mentor for ESRC First Grant (RES-061-25-0485): ‘Developing a social wellbeing approach for sustainable fisheries in South Asia (Well-Fish)’.

Disciplinary Citizenship

- **2025:** Invited speaker DC Citizens PhD Summer School, Lisbon
- **2026 and 2028:** Academic Conference Co-Chair, International Society of Third Sector Research (Lisbon 2026; London 2028).
- **2025 - present:** Economic and Social Research Council Assessor College Member.
- **2024:** Invited Distinguished Faculty, PhD Summer School, International Society of Third Sector Research Conference, Antwerp, Belgium.
- **2020:** External panel member, Review of the Durham University Institute for Hazard, Risk and Resilience.
- **2017 – 2021:** Member of Global Challenges Research Fund Peer Review College.
- **2019 – 2021:** Member, Advisory Board, Durham GCRF Doctoral Training Academy
- **2015 – ongoing:** Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS); member of the Development Geographies Research Group.
- **2012 – 2016:** Co-Chair (with European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development), European Association of Development Training and Research Institutes (EADI) working group on ‘Global learning meets development’.
- **2012 – 2013:** ESRC sift and commission panels for Future Leaders Programme.
- **2010 – ongoing:** ESRC Peer Review College.

- **2007 – 2010:** Advisory Board, Development Education Research Centre, Institute of Education, London.
- **2003 – 2008:** Founder and Co-Convenor, Development Studies Association working group on the ‘Public Faces of Development’.

PhD External Examining

- **2024:** Leeds University, UK
- **2024:** Agder University, Norway
- **2024:** Newcastle University, UK
- **2023:** Dundee University, UK
- **2022:** Newcastle University, UK
- **2022:** Open University, UK
- **2021:** Bath University, UK
- **2020:** Newcastle University, UK
- **2018:** University of Sheffield, UK
- **2014:** University College London, UK
- **2014:** King’s College London, UK
- **2014:** Exeter University, UK
- **2013:** Durham University, UK
- **2012:** Newcastle University, UK
- **2008:** Kamraj University, India

Keynotes

- **2024:** ‘**The invisible economies of engaged research**’, Relational Public Services Conference, Newcastle, UK.
- **2024:** ‘**Communicating about your research confidently and innovatively**’, PGR Conference Keynote Speech, Northumbria University.
- **2018:** ‘**Researching volunteering: what is volunteering made of?**’. Student Volunteering Symposium, University of Galway.
- **2017:** ‘**Never mind the gap year: local volunteers, poverty and development**’. Pint of Science, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- **2016:** ‘**International volunteering and the changing aid and development landscape**’, ESRC Seminar Series, Rethinking International Volunteering, Strathclyde University, Glasgow.
- **2013:** ‘**Young people, global solidarities and development**’. Questioning the Logic of the System: A Critical look at Global Learning and Global Youth Work, De Montfort University, Leicester.
- **2012:** ‘**Development education and development: a (new) relationship for changing economic and geopolitical times**’. Development discourses and development education conference, Institute of Education, London.
- **2010:** ‘**International volunteering and global citizenships: professionalisation, development and biographies**’ (with N. Laurie). ESRC Public Policy Seminar, London.

Invited Academic Presentations

- **2026:** ‘**Voluntary labour, precarity and livelihoods: Critical debates in volunteering in humanitarian and development settings**’, LSE BASIN Talk Series. Online.
- **2024:** ‘**The joys and perils of researching ‘with’ for global development impact**’, Research Impact Workshop, Newcastle University.
- **2022:** ‘**Grant Proposal Writing**’, Capacity Building Research lecture attended by over 200 students and staff at Uganda Martyrs University.
- **2022:** ‘**Volunteering, learning & power: the experiences of young refugees in Uganda**’, Seminar Series on Education and Development focused on ‘Learning, Social Movements and Collective Action’, UNESCO Chair in Adult Literacy & Learning for Social Transformation, University of East Anglia.
- **2021:** ‘**Post-pandemic recovery: How can marginalised youth be supported in Technical and Vocational Education and Training and the labour market?**’, Launch of Youth and Transitions Hub of the Centre for the Study of Global Development, Open University.

- **2020: ‘Youth Volunteering: participation in times of Covid19’**, Webinar, Institute for Volunteering Research, University of East Anglia together and School of Political Science and Public Administration, East China University of Political Science and Law.
- **2020: ‘Volunteer responses to Covid 19: what can we learn moving forward?’**, Webinar on volunteer responses to Covid19 co-hosted by the UNESCO Chair in Adult Literacy and Learning for Social Transformation and the Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR).
- **2020: ‘Convenient saviours: local volunteers in humanitarian crises, conflicts and development’**, Research Seminar hosted by the Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience, Durham University.
- **2019: ‘More than the gap year: ‘local’ volunteers, donors and development’**, Research seminar, Aston University.
- **2018: ‘Volunteering and sustainable development’**, Research Symposium, Third Sector Research Centre/University of Illinois, London.
- **2018: ‘Volunteering research: research practitioner collaborations’**, Research symposium, University of Ottawa.
- **2014: ‘International development and development education: instrumental, everyday and co-produced solidarities’**, Research Seminar, University of Exeter.
- **2012: ‘Public imaginaries of development and complex subjectivities: the challenge for development studies’**, ESRC Symposium on Capitalism, Democracy and Celebrity Activism, Manchester University.
- **2012: ‘What counts as development research’**, Fieldwork in Developing Countries training module of North East Doctoral Training Programme, Newcastle University.
- **2012: ‘Public imaginaries of development and complex subjectivities: the challenge for development studies’**. ESRC Symposium on Capitalism, Democracy and Celebrity Activism, Manchester University.
- **2011: ‘Cosmopolitanism, faith and global citizenship: negotiating difference, development and justice’**. International symposium on Religion, Cosmopolitanism and the Public Sphere, York St John University.
- **2011: ‘Education for sustainable development and Global education: twins separated at birth?’**. Panel, ‘Learning for a Just and Sustainable World: Global Education and Education for Sustainable Development in Initial Teachers Training’, University of Warsaw, Poland.
- **2011: ‘Development needs Citizens -Rethinking development education as a tool for global social justice’**, Rapporteur, European Association of Development Institutes Conference, York.
- **2007: ‘Bringing development back home’**, Invited lecture, research symposium, Locating development research, civil society and politics. American College, Madurai, India.
- **2007: ‘What counts as development research’**, Invited lecture, Institute of Development Policy and Management, Manchester University.
- **2006: ‘Theorising Development Education’**, Invited presentation, Education and Development research seminar, Newcastle University.
- **2005: ‘Ambivalent cosmopolitanism: NGOs and public engagement in development’**. Invited lecture, Institute of Development Policy and Management Research Seminar Series, Manchester University (with H. Yanacopulos).
- **2005: ‘Global civil society: an opportunity for dialogue’**. Invited lecture, research symposium, Civil Society and Development, American College, Madurai, India.
- **2004: ‘NGOs as global educators: development discourses and global civil society’**. Invited speaker, ESRC seminar series, Reconfiguring the Sociology of Education, Warwick University.
- **2004: ‘Global Civil Society: problems and opportunities’**. Invited address to Department of Social Work, American University, Madurai, India.
- **2001: ‘Holding up development: challenging charity’s global visions’**. Invited speaker, Sociology and Criminology Subject Group Research Seminar Series, Northumbria University.
- **2001: ‘Globalisation and local experience: encounters with difference in a UK school’**. Invited speaker, Department of Sociology Research Seminars, National University of Singapore.

Selected Conference Presentations

- **2024: International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) Conference**. Co-presenter, ‘The perpetual promise of volunteering in crises: changing relationships between citizens and civil society’ (with M. Okech, B. Fadel and S. Mills). Antwerp, Belgium.

- **2024: ISTR Conference.** Co-presenter, ‘The rush to the local volunteer: A symbolic geography of volunteering’ (with K. Jenkins, B. Fadel and I. Boudewijn). Antwerp, Belgium.
- **2024: ISTR Conference.** Presenter, ‘Volunteering and the climate emergency: civil society organising for climate adaptation in the Indian Sundarbans’ (with S. Banerjee, J. Clark, M. Maida and B. Fadel). Antwerp, Belgium.
- **2023: European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) Conference.** Co-presenter. “‘I call it work and at the same time I call it volunteering’”: Navigating hidden volunteer economies in refugee settings in Uganda’ (with M. Okech, B. Fadel and S. Mills). Lisbon, Portugal.
- **2023: EADI Conference.** Co-presenter. ‘Refugee volunteering and responses to displacement in Uganda: Navigating service-delivery, work, precarity and development’ (with B. Fadel). Lisbon, Portugal.
- **2022: Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers), RGS-IBG Conference.** Panel Chair, ‘Geographies of volunteering through and beyond crisis and recovery’ (with K. Jenkins). Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2022: RGS-IBG Conference.** Co-Author, ‘Young refugees in Uganda: volunteering in the context of Covid-19’ (co-authorship of paper presented by S. Mills, also co-authored by C. Tukundane, M. Okech and B. Fadel), as part of the ‘Geographies of volunteering through and beyond crisis and recovery’ panel. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2022: RGS-IBG Conference.** Presenter, ‘Volunteering, resilience and refugee lives: the experiences of young refugees in Uganda’ (with B. Fadel, S. Mills, F. Ahimbisibwe and R. Turyamureeba), as part of the ‘Refugee youth, Resilience and Recovery’ panel. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2021: RGS-IBG Conference.** Co-Author, ‘Active citizenship and volunteering: young refugees in Uganda’ (co-authorship of paper presented by S. Mills, also co-authored by C. Tukundane and M. Okech), as part of the ‘Active citizenship’ panel. Online.
- **2021: RGS-IBG Conference.** Presenter, ‘Volunteering and displacement: situating the voluntary labour of young refugees within humanitarian and development spaces in Uganda’ (with B. Fadel, F. Ahimbisibwe and R. Turyamureeba), as part of the ‘Geographies of Displacement’ panel. Online.
- **2021: EADI Conference.** Panel Convener, ‘Volunteering, Solidarity and Development’ (with C. Millora). Online.
- **2021: EADI Conference.** Presenter, ‘Volunteering, Solidarity and Displacement: Young Refugees Volunteering In Uganda’ (with F. Ahimbisibwe, A. O’Loughlen and R. Turyamureeba). Online.
- **2021: EADI Conference.** Presenter, ‘Quiet Solidarities, witness and testimony’ (with O. Boyle, R. Clarke and M. Griffiths). Online.
- **2018: ISTR Conference.** Presenter, ‘Donor funded volunteer remuneration in the global South: creating hierarchies and disrupting definitions’ (with S. Hazeldine). Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- **2018: ISTR Conference.** Co-Author, ‘Questioning the ‘local’ in ‘local’ volunteering in humanitarian contexts’ (co-authorship of paper presented by B. Fadel, also co-authored by N. Thomas and J. Cadesky). Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- **2016: ISTR Conference.** Presenter, ‘Volunteering cultures, mobility and development: towards a cosmopolitan approach?’ (with S. Hazeldine and N. Thomas). Stockholm, Sweden.
- **2012: Development Studies Association (DSA) Annual Conference.** Presenter, ‘Doing Development in the military: recruitment, education and development knowledges’, Panel on the Military as New Development Actors. London, UK.
- **2012: Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference.** Presenter, ‘Beyond a Northern Geography of volunteering’ (with N. Laurie). New York, USA.
- **2011: EADI Conference.** Presenter, ‘International volunteers as development actors: ‘incidental encounters’, biographies and partnerships’ (with N. Laurie). York, UK.
- **2011: RGS-IBG Conference.** Presenter, ‘How Big is the Big Society? International volunteering and changing constructions of (active) global citizenship’ (with N. Laurie). London, UK.
- **2011: RGS-IBG Conference.** Presenter, ‘Development education and the social relations of development in the North’. London, UK.
- **2010: AAG Conference.** Presenter, ‘Cosmopolitanism, faith and global citizenship: negotiating difference, development and justice’. Washington DC, USA.

- **2010: Geographies of Religion Conference.** Presenter, ‘Cosmopolitanism, faith and community: young people, international volunteering and development in Latin America’. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- **2009: RGS-IBG Conference.** Presenter, ‘Existing at the Interface: Local Indian Activists as Strategic Cosmopolitans’. Manchester, UK.
- **2004: ISTR Conference.** Presenter, ‘Negotiating Global Civil Society: International Development NGOs and Minority World Engagement’. Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
- **2003: DSA Conference.** Presenter, ‘Changing representations of the global south’. Strathclyde University, Glasgow, UK.
- **2003: UNESCO Conference on Intercultural Education.** Presenter, ‘Changing world views: Globalizing UK Higher Education Curricula’ (with J. Donnelly and G. Kirkpatrick). Institute for Educational Research, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- **2002: ISTR Conference.** Presenter, ‘Representing global injustice’. Cape Town, South Africa.
- **2002: British Sociological Association (BSA) Conference.** Presenter, ‘Global justice, identity and modernity’. Leicester University, UK.
- **1999: International Symposium on Immigration and Identity in the UK and the US.** Presenter, ‘Questions of Identity in the School Curriculum: Global Context, National Structures, Local Experience’, New School for Social Research, New York, USA.
- **1997: Ethnography and Education Conference.** Presenter, “‘It’s interesting ... that you call it third world’”: researching the ‘non-subject’”, Department of Educational Studies, Oxford University, UK.
- **1997: Globalisation and Future Diasporas Conference.** Presenter, “‘You can see these people are very primitive’”: constructions of modernity and difference in teaching the Maasai’, Birmingham, UK.
- **1995: BSA Conference.** Presenter, ‘Researching the communication of the “Third World”’, Postgraduate Research Conference, Faculty of Social Studies, Birmingham, UK.

EDUCATION, LEARNING AND TEACHING

Key Roles

- **2021 – 2023:** External examiner, MA Power, Participation and Social Change, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex.
- **2019:** Director, Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) Funded Global Development Summer School.
- **2018 – 2021:** Advisory Board member, Durham University GCRF Centre for Doctoral Training.
- **2016:** Established collaborative partnership with IFRC and Swedish Red Cross for PGT student projects.
- **2010 – 2012:** Programme leader, MSc International Development.
- **2005 – 2010:** Director CEDAR (India)/Northumbria Development Education Project.
- **2001 – 2005:** Programme leader, BSc Social Research/Social Research Placements Co-ordinator.

PhD Supervision

Completions:

Principal Supervisor:

- **2026: Shanu, Shamima Akter.** “The role of youth voluntary actions in Disaster Risk Reduction in the Ganges Brahmaputra and Meghna (GBM) delta”. Examined with minor revisions.
- **2025: Egwea, Robert.** “The impact of tree protection strategy on rural livelihoods in the shea tree belt of Uganda”. Examined with revisions.
- **2025: Bowden, Robert.** “Localisation and global social change: agency, intent and learning in INGO/supporter relations” (in partnership with Christian Aid).
- **2022: Fadel, Bianca.** “Local volunteering in protracted crises: A case study from Burundi”.
- **2022: Mukungu, Kate.** “Women’s anti-violence activism relations in post-conflict Namibia and Northern Ireland”.
- **2019: Le Bourdon, Madeleine.** “What kinds of global citizenship are produced by non-formal international education actors? A case study of CISV International”.
- **2019: Gibby, Philip.** “Conceptualising the response of transnational non-governmental development organisations to the value for money agenda”.

- **2016: Thomas, Nisha.** “Diaspora volunteering: promoting flexible ways of re-engagement, volunteering and development in Nigeria and Nepal”.
- **2012: Humble, Darryl.** “An ethnography of development education”.
- **2011: Al Shamsi, Abdul Kareem.** “The global developmental state. The triple non-alliance interaction of state’s bureaucrats, domestic capital and foreign capital in Korean economic development”.

Second Supervisor:

- **2026: Bwireh, Geoffrey.** “Volunteerism, Mixed Embeddedness and Entrepreneurial Behaviour of Congolese Youth Refugees in Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Southwestern Uganda”. Examined with minor revisions.
- **2019: Pham, Hai.** “A critical analysis of poverty reduction initiatives in North West Vietnam: A case study of Son L province”.
- **2018: Coombes, Melville.** “Anglo-Indian migration, identity and home: An ethnographic investigation”
- **2017: Williamson, Karen.** “Frame analysis of UK media coverage of foreign affairs, and more specifically coverage of rapid political transformation in a selection of foreign societies”.
- **2012: White, Dean.** “The UK’s response to the Rwandan crisis of 2004”.

Current supervision:

Principal Supervisor

- **Oct 2025 Start: Fakhari, Zohre:** “Voluntary labour and climate adaptation: The role of humanitarian health interventions”. (Full-time)
- **Oct. 2024 Start: Clark, Janet:** “Transforming volunteering and development”. (Full-time, in collaboration with INGO Forum)
- **Oct. 2021 Start: Sichelesile Mpfu, Maxine.** “Using a disability lens in the critical analysis of the youth-participatory development nexus in rural Zimbabwe”. (Full-time)
- **Oct. 2021 Start: Bamborough, Joseph.** “Logistics of the everyday in emergencies: experiences of humanitarian supply chain professionals and the localisation of aid”. (Part-time)
- **Oct. 2021 Start: Lindsay Bewick** “Transformation or Compliance? Everyday experiences of Social Entrepreneurship among women refugees in Uganda”. (Part-time)

Second Supervisor

- **Oct. 2021 Start: Ribichini, Angelica.** “A Critical Intersectional Analysis of Youth Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity in Vietnam’s Mekong”. (Full-time)

Taught Module Leaderships

Undergraduate

- Activism, power and resistance
- Global exploitation, conflict and development
- Global poverty and development
- Race, class and gender
- Globalisation
- Global change, global resistance
- Power and protest

Postgraduate

- Development Thinking
- Management and Practice in Development
- Research methods for Development
- Globalisation and governance
- Global labour