

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 16/01/1980

NATIONALITY: British

LANGUAGES: English; Khmer (spoken)

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Citizen-state relations; Transparency & Accountability; Government Responsiveness; Public Policy; Public Financial Management; Education Services; Social Care

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: South-East Asia; Cambodia; UK

OVERVIEW

Colin Anderson is a research professional with more than fifteen years of experience in participatory community development, public service administration, evidence generation and uptake, and strategic development. He has particular expertise in local governance relationships, education and youth services, and civil society mobilization and advocacy. He has managed multiple public sector reform processes, overseen grant delivery programmes, and worked on motivating greater accountability and service improvement through citizen participation and building research capacity and the evidence-base for change. At IDS he supports projects examining the ways in which more inclusive and equitable governance relationships are built and sustained. Colin's research interests are within the broad area of citizen-state relations. His current research focuses on the realities of development interventions that seek to enhance public accountability and responsive governance. This includes in contexts of fragility and conflict and the ways in which development actors and policies seek to build the social contract. His approach to this is theoretically grounded in postgraduate study of cultural politics, governance, and public policy processes.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2016 - 2017 **MA Governance, Development & Public Policy**
Institute of Development Studies, UK

2002 - 2004 **MA Cultural Politics**
University of Sussex, UK

1998 - 2001 **BA (Hons) English Language and Literature**
Somerville College, University of Oxford, UK

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2017 – PRESENT **Research Assistant, IDS, UK**
Supporting IDS research programmes exploring citizen-state relationships and pathways to more inclusive and accountable governance.

2015 – 2017 **Freelance consultant**
Undertaking strategic reviews and supporting strategic development and quality of research and evidence generation for government and civil society organisations in the UK and Cambodia.

- 2014 – 2015** **Advocacy & Donor Relations Advisor, NGO Education Partnership, Cambodia**
Supporting organizational strategic and programme development, and building capacity for advocacy and evidence-based influencing of government with the national coalition of education NGOs.
- 2008 – 2014** **Policy & Programme Manager, Children’s Services Department, East Sussex County Council, UK**
Developing and implementing inter-agency strategies, joint commissioning, and service reform to improve educational and social welfare outcomes for children and young people.
- 2004 – 2008** **Programme Manager (Children & Young People), Action in Rural Sussex, UK**
Managing and growing a portfolio of user-centred services to reduce inequalities of access to services and improve community engagement of children and young people living rurally, through grant-making, public health and youth work delivery, community participatory appraisal processes, and youth-led advocacy.
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SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 2017** **Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
Research support to the DFID-funded five-year [Action for Empowerment & Accountability](#) research programme, studying pathways to accountability in fragile and conflict-affected settings. Particular focus on cross-country comparative analysis of DFID voice and accountability programmes.
- 2017** **Consultant, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
Synthesis of learning from the multi-donor [Making All Voices Count](#) programme, exploring the roles of new technologies in supporting more inclusive and accountable governance. Preparation of final event learning material and speeches; written contributions to synthesis publication (forthcoming).
- 2017** **Student, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
Primary research study on impact of private tuition practices on accountability relationships in Cambodian primary schools and meanings and expressions of accountability in the this context. Publications forthcoming.
- 2015** **Advisor, NGO Education Partnership, Cambodia**
Publication of influential policy-oriented studies on teacher absence and instructional hours, public expenditure tracking, teacher deployment, and teacher professional development based on NGO-led primary fieldwork.
- 2015** **Advisor, NGO Education Partnership, Cambodia**
Design of EU-funded social accountability and citizen-led monitoring programme integrated in to the work of the national coalition of education NGOs.
- 2011-14** **Policy & Programme Manager, East Sussex County Council, UK**
Programme development and management of award winning inter-agency change programmes, including reforms to children’s social care and trailblazer initiatives to support legislative reform for children with disabilities.
- 2006-08** **Programme Manager, Action in rural Sussex, UK**
Management of £2m of small grants for national bodies, supporting local organisations to innovate in the inclusion of, and provision for, marginalised children and young people, including CSO capacity-building and accompaniment, and evaluation of grant spend.