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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Research and Learning Manager, Sanitation Learning Hub

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 15/07/1987

**NATIONALITY:** British

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Sanitation, Hygiene, Participatory Research and Learning

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** India, Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa

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## OVERVIEW

I currently manage research and learning activities for the Sanitation Learning Hub, a four year programme funded by the Swedish International Development Agency. I develop and support the spread of innovative research and learning approaches that support sanitation and hygiene programmes to learn better and faster. Methods have included peer-to-peer rapid action learning works, immersive research and rapid topic reviews. I also manage the Hubs support to UNICEF through the Hubs Programme Coordination Agreement we have with the UNICEF WASH team based at UN Headquarters. This work includes supporting county programmes document and strengthen learning approaches.

My current focus includes supporting systems strengthening, sustainability, the use of participatory methodologies and ways to support the most disadvantaged through community-led, empowering approaches. My focus is global, however a larger part of my work has been in India supporting the Swachh Bharat Mission with rapid action learning activities. Prior to joining IDS I spent time in India conducting qualitative research on rural sanitation in Bihar.

I am also a part-time PhD candidate at the University of Leeds where I am part of EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Water and Waste Infrastructure and Services Engineered for Resilience. My research is focusing on peer-to-peer learning as a way to strengthen local government capacity for the delivery of sustainable and equitable sanitation and hygiene services.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

<b>2021 – 2027</b>	<b>PhD Water and Waste Infrastructure Systems Engineered for Resilience</b> University of Leeds
<b>2011 - 2013</b>	<b>MSc Environment and Sustainability Science, with Distinction</b> Lund University, Sweden
<b>2006 - 2009</b>	<b>BA in Modern History</b> University of Sussex, UK

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

<b>2019– PRESENT</b>	<b>Research and Learning Manager, IDS, UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Providing overall strategic research strategy and management to the Sanitation Learning Hubs activities across the world.</li><li>▪ Leading intellectual development, evolution and innovation of the Hub's research and learning activities, including decision-making on new work streams, priorities, activities and thematic focus.</li><li>▪ Overseeing and managing the work of junior researchers and consultants.</li><li>▪ Developing, innovating, trialing, and training in the use of rapid action learning approaches</li></ul>
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- Planning, designing, and facilitating learning events, capacity development initiatives, conference sessions and participatory workshops (both in-person and virtual).
- Conducting rapid research into sanitation and hygiene programming
- Communicating research outputs in a policy- or practice-relevant ways including making presentations at national or international conferences, academic papers and disseminating outputs informally via the internet and other forms of media.

## 2021- PRESENT

### PhD Researcher, Water, Public Health and Environmental Engineering, University of Leeds

- Undertaking research into capacity strengthening of local government in Bangladesh and Mozambique

## 2014–2019

### Research Officer, IDS, UK

- Leading, supporting and commissioning action learning and research into CLTS practice.
- Planning and facilitating thematic and sharing and learning workshops on different WASH-related subjects across the world.
- Representing the Hub at high-level events and presenting our work at workshops and conferences.
- Developing training on WASH related topics – this has included programming for those living in extreme poverty, participatory approaches to urban sanitation and designing gender transformative WASH programmes

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Myers, J.; Vernon, N. and Chambers, R. (2023) 'Rigour, timeliness and trade-offs in research: experiences from India', *Development in Practice*, DOI: 10.1080/09614524.2023.2270634

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Gabrielsson, S.; Myers, J. and Ramasar, V. (2021) 'Linking the Water-Food-Energy Nexus to Sanitation: will it save and improve lives?', in FAO (ed.) *Water, Sustainable Development and the Nexus: Response to Climate Change*, CRC Press

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Myers, J.; Cavill, S.; Musyoki, S.; Stevens, L. and Pasteur, K. (2018) *Innovations for Urban Sanitation: Adapting Community-Led Approaches*, Rugby: Practical Action Publishing

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Chambers, R. and Myers, J. (2016) '[Norms, Knowledge and Usage](#)', *Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights Issue 7*, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies