

Jeremy Harrison

Specialises in evaluation following a career in economic and learning policy and practice in the UK and throughout Europe. Spent some twenty years as a consultant to the European Commission working on both policy and programme in Brussels. The bulk of his current work is related to UK and European funding programmes. He is now widely applying ROI methodology to these evaluations and helping the European Commission and its partner governments review the use of outcomes evaluation in funding programmes.

Current activities and contracts

Sole external Evaluator of Equal Last Mile Development Partnership (£20 million partnership developing new employment, providing training and stimulating entrepreneurship in the creative industries involving public, private and community organisations) Co-external evaluator of Equal ACE Development Partnership (not for profit sector partnership working on the work-life balance and employment opportunities of men and women caring for sick or handicapped relatives) Co- external evaluator of Equal E2Learn Development Partnership (public/private partnership developing new approaches to e-learning for small businesses).

Selected completed 2005/2006/2007 activities and contracts

Sole external evaluator in Equal Action 2 for GERI (Gender Equality Race Inclusion) project, a national partnership of careers advice and learning organisations addressing problems of gender and ethnic stereotyping. (Contract to from 2002 to end 2005)

Sole external evaluator in Equal Action 2 for the Tyne and Wear Development Partnership (comprising all the public authorities in the North East of England), addressing issues of employability of hard-to-reach groups in the Tyne and Wear sub-region. (two and a half year contract with final evaluation report delivered May 2005)

Co-evaluator of Tees Valley Connexions' Kick Start Project (two year active labour market project undertaken by the careers guidance service in Tees Valley in the North East of England testing new approaches to working with those not in education, employment or training).

Principal member of design team for the UK on-line repository of all the learning materials and development products of the European Social Fund's EQUAL Initiative in the UK (products of 170 project partnerships with combined budget of more than £350 million).

Facilitator/chair of plenary session of the ESF Conference on behalf of the UK Departments of Work and Pensions during the UK Presidency of the EU (Manchester, 14 October 2005).

Facilitator/rapporteur of ESF seminar on transnationality on behalf of Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission– Brussels December 2005.

Facilitator/rapporteur of ESF seminar on transnationality on behalf of Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission– Brussels December 2005 – part of design of new European Structural Funds 2007-2013.

Rapporteur of ESF seminar on evaluation on behalf of Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission– Brussels December 2005 - part of design of new European Structural Funds 2007-2013.

Contract for Birmingham City Council, designing an online platform with integral radio station for the Birmingham music industry, as part of the city’s creative industries programme (completed – site now launched as Birminghammusic.com and receiving hits at rate of 8.5 million a month).

Member of international team evaluating the European Social Fund’s Article 6 Projects (co-funded projects with regional public sector bodies in all member States – concerned with establishing local employment strategies linked to the European Union’s European Employment Strategy.

Consultancy contract with Birmingham City Council designing centre for process design (healthcare the immediate focus), as part of the city’s creative industries programme (completed).

Contract with UK Department of Work and Pensions conducting review of all DP evaluations provided within EQUAL Round 1 – survey, report, recommendations for future work designed to assist evaluators, DPs and the DWP (completed).