



**RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES ON
RECONCEPTUALISING
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING**



**ATLAS Special Interest Group
Volunteer Tourism Research Group**

The seminar series is organised by Dr Angela M Benson (University of Brighton) in collaboration with Dr Konstantinos Tomazos (University of Strathclyde) and Dr Mark Hampton (University of Kent). The event is supported by ATLAS Volunteer Tourism Research Group.

Presenting the sixth and final seminar

**Seminar 6: The Future of International Volunteering
MONDAY 18th JULY 2016
10.00 – 1600hrs
University of Brighton, Eastbourne Campus**

The international speaker is Dr Stephen Wearing, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia and author of: *Volunteer Tourism: experiences that make a difference.*



Dr. Stephen Wearing is an Associate Professor at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). His research and projects are in the area of

Leisure and Tourism Management, with a PhD focused on sustainable tourism management. Stephen has made seminal contributions in many areas including ecotourism, volunteer tourism and community development, the importance of community based approaches in the leisure, recreation and tourism sector has formed the focus of his research. He is a prolific scholar and his work ranks among the top professors in the world for publications in sustainable tourism and leading research journals in that field. He has been recognized by the American Psychological Association (APA) with a highly commended for one of his papers. Working on leisure, recreation and tourism community based projects in Papua New Guinea, Costa Rica, Solomon Islands, Guyana and Australia receiving a special citation from the Costa Rican Government for services towards community, conservation and youth and an outstanding contribution award from Youth Challenge International in Canada demonstrates his depth of experience. He has conducted numerous projects and lectures worldwide and is the author of 17 books and over 100 articles dealing with issues surrounding leisure and sustainable tourism.

Dr Peter Slowe, Founder and Director of the Projects Abroad, headquartered in the UK



Dr Peter Slowe is the founder and director of Projects Abroad (and group of companies) which has now sent over 85,000 volunteers to 31 countries around the world, working on over 500 projects; which cover a wide range of disciplines including teaching, care, conservation & environment, medicine & healthcare, sports, community projects, business, law & human rights and journalism.

Before starting Projects Abroad in 1992, Peter gained his DPhil in Geography at the University of Oxford (Jesus and Nuffield Colleges). He later went on to become a distinguished geographer and author, specialising in political biography, political geography and military history, based at the University of Chichester. Among his books were an acclaimed political biography “Manny Shinwell”, books about soldiers in battle including best-seller “Fields of Death”, and an academic analysis of the cross-over between geography and political philosophy, “Geography and Political Power”.

Liz Wilson, CEO of Supporting Kids in Peru (SKIP)



Originally from the UK, Liz has been the Director of SKIP since 2009. Liz has a Bsc (Hons) in Psychology and a MSW (Masters in Social Work) and was a child protection social worker for 5 years before joining SKIP in 2008. Having lived and worked in the USA, Guatemala, The Dominican Republic and Hong Kong, Liz was already an avid traveler before arriving in Peru and now spends much of her time moving between countries promoting SKIP and networking with their many international partner organisations. In February of 2014 Liz gave a TEDx Talk "Do Stuff you Love and Make a Difference" speaking about her own personal experiences and how they have shaped her career and passion for working in SKIP.

Richard Nimmo, Managing Director of Blue Ventures: beyond conservation



Richard was so moved by his experiences as a BV volunteer in Madagascar that shortly after returning to London, he left his career in commercial broadcasting and came back to the project site as Expedition Manager for Blue Ventures. After working for a year in Andavadoaka, Richard moved to Blue Ventures' London headquarters as Managing Director. In that position, he oversees all of our commercial activities, expedition and conservation operations and project needs for London, Belize and Madagascar. Richard is a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor, Chair of the Year Out Group and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). Before joining to Blue Ventures, Richard worked in sales and marketing for commercial television and radio in the UK.

Nick Ockenden, National Council for voluntary Organisations (NCVO)



Nick is the head of research at NCVO (the National Council of Voluntary Organisations), where he has worked since 2013. He leads a team of 12 researchers and is responsible for overseeing the annual production of NCVO's UK Civil Society Almanac and the work of the Institute for Volunteering Research. He previously led the research team at Volunteering England, and before that worked for GreenSpace, a small environmental charity. Nick has been a trustee of the Social Research Association since 2010, and is a visiting fellow at Northumbria University.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

The event is *free*, but places are limited, so please book your place at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/6-esrc-research-seminar-series-on-reconceptualising-international-volunteering-tickets-23448754857>

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2. Early Career Researchers
3. PhD Students
4. Master Students
5. People with Disability
6. Job seekers

Original receipts and proof of status would be required to support your claim.

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