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## Profile

Jonathan Glennie has over 10 years experience as a researcher, writer, practitioner and policy adviser on development issues. In 2011 his policy work included engagements with the OECD, UNDP, DFID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Commonwealth Secretariat and a variety of academic institutions and civil society organisations.

Before joining ODI he managed Christian Aid's programme in Colombia and worked on several international campaigns, including Make Poverty History and the Jubilee Debt Campaign. He is author of *The Trouble with Aid: Why less could mean more for Africa* (Zed Books, 2008) and is a regular contributor to *The Guardian's* Global Development website.

In October 2011 he was named as one of Devex's London 40 Under 40 International Development Leaders.

## Qualifications

- 2004**            PGCert in Economics. *Merit*    *Birkbeck College, London*
- 1998-99**        MProf in Sustainable Development. *A*    *Middlesex University*  
*(Course run by Forum for the Future, including work at DFID, British Gas, Save the Children UK, The Independent, Royal and Sun Alliance, Belfast City Council.)*
- 1995-98**        BA (hons) in Theology. *2.1*    *Pembroke College, Cambridge University*

## Main areas of expertise

- Aid, debt and development finance
- Corporate social and environmental responsibility
- Human rights, particularly around land issues
- Development theory
- Programme management, strategy and evaluation
- Advocacy, campaigning and communications for development

## Languages

- English**        Mother tongue
- Spanish**        Advanced
- French**         Intermediate

**Developing country experience (both long term and brief assignments):** Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Perú, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa

## Work history:

Jul 2010 to present	<b>Research Fellow</b> Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, ODI
Jan 2007-Jun 2010	<b>Country representative/manager</b> Colombia, Christian Aid (UK & Ireland) <i>Bogotá</i>
Jan 2004-Dec 2006	<b>Development finance manager</b> (and previously Senior policy officer, Development finance and Senior policy officer, Private sector), Christian Aid
Mar-May 2006	<b>Research analyst</b> Aid and debt flows, UN Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) <i>Secondment, Mexico City</i>
Jun-Dec 2003	<b>Policy and advocacy advisor</b> Plan UK
1999-2003	Policy and advisory posts at Save the Children UK including: <b>Economic policy officer</b> <i>Nov 2002-Jun 2003</i> <b>Sustainable development advisor</b> <i>Aug-Dec 2001</i> <b>Youth advocacy specialist</b> <i>Aug 1999-May 2000</i>
Jan-Oct 2002	<b>Coordinator, Southern Business Challenge</b> Centre for Social Markets

## Trusteeships and voluntary work

2008-2009	<b>Trustee</b> ABColombia (British and Irish Agencies working in Colombia)
2005-2007	<b>Trustee</b> The Children's Society
2005-2007	<b>Trustee</b> Jubilee Debt Campaign
Aug –Dec 2000	<b>Street outreach worker</b> Casa Alianza <i>Guatemala City</i>
1997-2006	<b>Founder and Trustee</b> Students Supporting Street Kids (SSSK)
Nov 1994-May 1995	<b>Street outreach worker</b> Viven los Niños! <i>Medellín</i>

## Selected publications and reports

All ODI publications available at [www.odi.org.uk/about/staff/details.asp?id=726&name=jonathan-glennie](http://www.odi.org.uk/about/staff/details.asp?id=726&name=jonathan-glennie)

Sep 2011	<b>Global Reach is the Prize at Busan</b> With A. Rogerson, ODI Opinion
Aug 2011	<b>Going beyond aid effectiveness to guide the delivery of climate finance</b> With N. Bird, ODI Background Note
Aug 2011	<b>Building Effective aid with a Cohesive System of Development Finance - Towards a Commonwealth Agenda</b> With S. Maxwell, Internal for Commonwealth Secretariat <a href="http://www.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/145500/239120/cfmm2011/">www.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/145500/239120/cfmm2011/</a>
Jul 2011	<b>The role of aid to middle-income countries: a contribution to evolving European Union (EU) development policy</b> ODI Working Paper
Jul 2011	<b>Who should lead the aid effectiveness debate in the future?</b> Speech at ODI debate with Brian Atwood and Ernest Rwamucyo in the House of Commons. ODI viewpoint

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- Feb 2011** **Is it time for Mali to plan an exit strategy from aid?**  
Speech to the Annual Retreat of Technical Partners and Financiers in Bamako, Mali. ODI viewpoint
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- Sep 2009** **Openness, Democracy and Humility: the principles of a new era in development**  
Development (beyond economics), Volume 52, Number 3. Society for International Development: Palgrave MacMillan  
[www.palgrave-journals.com/development/journal/v52/n3/full/dev200952a.html](http://www.palgrave-journals.com/development/journal/v52/n3/full/dev200952a.html)
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- Mar 2009** **Fit for purpose: how to make UK policy on Colombia more effective**  
*A series of policy recommendations to the British Government for how to improve the impact of its financial and other interventions in Colombia*  
With S. Haspeslagh. London: ABColombia. *Spanish translation also available*  
[www.abcolombia.org.uk/subpage.asp?subid=344&mainid=23](http://www.abcolombia.org.uk/subpage.asp?subid=344&mainid=23)
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- Nov 2008** **The Trouble with Aid: Why less could mean more for Africa**  
London: Zed books  
[www.thetroublewithaid.org/](http://www.thetroublewithaid.org/)
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- Jan 2007** **Enough is enough: The debt repudiation option**  
London: Christian Aid. *Spanish translation also available*  
[www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/Enough%20is%20enough%3A%20The%20debt%20repudiation%20option+3435.twl](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/Enough%20is%20enough%3A%20The%20debt%20repudiation%20option+3435.twl)
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- Sep 2005** **What About Us?: Debt and the countries the G8 left behind**  
London: Christian Aid. *Norwegian translation also available*  
[www.fntg.org/fntg/docs/DebtreportChristianAidSept2005.pdf](http://www.fntg.org/fntg/docs/DebtreportChristianAidSept2005.pdf)
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- May 2005** **In the Balance: Why Debts Must be Cancelled Now to Meet the Millennium Development Goals**  
With R. Greenhill and C. Pearce. Jubilee Debt Campaign: London  
[www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/In3720the3720balance+659.twl](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/In3720the3720balance+659.twl)
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- Jan 2005** **Unearthing the truth: Mining in Peru**  
London: Christian Aid. *Spanish translation also available*  
[www.christianaid.org.uk/Images/unearthing\\_the\\_truth.pdf](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/Images/unearthing_the_truth.pdf)
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- Dec 2004** **Breaking Promises, Making Profits: Mining in the Philippines**  
With G. Nettleton and A. Whitmore. London: Christian Aid and PIPlinks  
[www.piplinks.org/system/files/Philippines+Mining+report+-+corrected.pdf](http://www.piplinks.org/system/files/Philippines+Mining+report+-+corrected.pdf)
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- Aug 2003** **Making Services Work for Poor People**  
Save the Children UK Submission to the World Development Report 2004.  
London: Save the Children UK  
[siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWDR2004/Resources/23469\\_SavetheChildrenSubmission.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWDR2004/Resources/23469_SavetheChildrenSubmission.pdf)

**Newspaper articles/blogs on a range of subjects can be found at:**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/profile/jonathan-glennie>

## Research management (selected)

2011-14	<b>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</b> Major research project assessing how development progress has been financed in 12 countries. Follow-on from Development Progress Stories <a href="http://www.developmentprogress.org/">www.developmentprogress.org/</a>
2010-11	<b>OECD</b> Managing five international thinktanks (Ghana, Nicaragua, Senegal, Tajikistan, Vietnam) to produce the 66 Country Chapters to accompany the Paris Declaration Monitoring Survey 2011. <a href="http://www.aideffectiveness.org/busanhlf4/en/component/content/article/513.html">www.aideffectiveness.org/busanhlf4/en/component/content/article/513.html</a>
2011	<b>DFID</b> Managed research into the need for a Strategic Adaptation Forum for donors and partner countries to discuss funding for climate adaptation
2010	<b>Body Shop and Christian Aid</b> Investigation into the alleged displacement of families in Las Pavas, Colombia. R. Vargas, A. Rivas, J. Mow. <a href="http://www.thebodyshop.com/en/ww/services/pdfs/AboutUs/LasPavasReview.pdf">www.thebodyshop.com/en/ww/services/pdfs/AboutUs/LasPavasReview.pdf</a>
2010	<b>Christian Aid and CENSAT Agua Viva</b> Conflictos socio-ambientales por la extracción minera en Colombia: Casos de la inversión británica. S. Ramirez. <a href="http://www.censat.org/censat/pagemaster/0qmgpfuh9zfaaghwnzahryo2ahvq1w.pdf">www.censat.org/censat/pagemaster/0qmgpfuh9zfaaghwnzahryo2ahvq1w.pdf</a>
2009	<b>DIAL – Colombia</b> Desarrollo Alternativo, Seguridad y Cooperación: conceptos y propuestas hacia un cambio de estrategia. Study on the role of USAID in private sector development. R. Vargas.
2004	<b>Plan UK</b> Children changing their world: Understanding and evaluating children's participation in development. J. Hart, J. Newman and L. Ackermann. <a href="http://www.plan-uk.org/resources/documents/28458/">www.plan-uk.org/resources/documents/28458/</a>