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Nationality: British

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Qualifications

1981 Vet M.B. Cambridge

1978 B.A. Medical Sciences, Cambridge University

Areas of Expertise

- **Research-Policy Linkages:** Research, information and advisory work on the role of research and action-based evidence on policy processes.
- **Communication and information systems:** Research, information and advisory work on a wide range of traditional and ICT approaches to information and communication among communities, projects, researchers and policy makers.
- **Policy Influence:** Substantial involvement in policy development based on practical field experience, with government and non-government organizations, to promote sustainable livelihoods, equitable, pro-poor development and appropriate technology choice.
- **Information development and delivery:** Practical expertise in developing and implementing information strategies incorporating a very wide range of communication media to promote pro-poor institutional reform.
- **Government Service Reform:** Managed the five-year Decentralised Livestock Services in Indonesia Project aiming to make government and non-government services more participatory and client-oriented.
- **Rural Livelihoods:** Over 15 years practical experience working on livelihoods issues at community level in Sri Lanka, Kenya, India and Nepal and Indonesia, including the development of practical approaches and models to promote client-oriented public, private and third sector services for resource-poor communities.
- **Strategic Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:** Substantial involvement in developing and managing strategies and programmes with and for government and non-government agencies, and establishing and implementing complex monitoring and evaluation programmes combining formal and informal methods to gather and synthesize qualitative and quantitative data.

Career

2006 – to present **Director of Programmes** for [RAPID](#), the [Civil Society Partnerships Programme](#) and ODI's Communications work

2001–2005 **Research Fellow and Team Leader, Research and Policy in Development Programme, Overseas Development Institute**, Leading the [RAPID](#) Programme; and various research and short-term assignments

1995–2001 **Team Leader/Project Manager:** of the Government of Indonesia / DFID

- Decentralised Livestock Services in the Eastern Regions of Indonesia Project
- 1992–1995 ITDG Country Director Kenya:** Managing programmes in rural development, energy, transport, infrastructure and urban development, pastoralism and animal health care
- 1986–1992 ITDG Livestock Programme Manager:** Kenya/Rugby
- 1983–1986 Veterinarian** working in the UK
- 1982–1983 Voluntary Service Overseas:** Vet in Milk Cooperative in Sri Lanka

Recent Research and Advisory Assignments

- 2005** Egypt for **CIDA/IDRC/GOE** – to run a workshop for the Small and Medium Enterprise Policies (SMEPOL) Project to expose stakeholders to current theory and practice of evidence-based policy making
- 2004/5** Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia for the **International Livestock Research Institute** – an action-research programme to identify and institutionalise innovative research and development mechanisms and approaches that lead to pro-poor policy outcomes
- 2004** South Africa for **DFID** – a support visit to help improve the policy impact of DFID's Forestry Support Programme in South Africa
- 2003/4** UK for the **World Bank & DFID** – producing a resource book on communications in PRSPs
- 2003** Worldwide for **FAO** – developing the joint WB/FAO/DFID Information and Communications for Rural Livelihoods project.
- 2003** Worldwide for the **Global Development Network** – Bridging Research and Policy Project
- 2003** UK for **DFID** – advice on communications component of research strategy
- 2003** UK for **DFID** – advice on Livelihoods Connect Website
- 2002** UK for **WB/DFID** – on team for knowledge demand assessment for DFID/WB transport and Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project.
- 2002** UK, Kenya for **DFID** – managing a research project on research-policy linkages including field-research on the animal health sector in Kenya
- 2002** Indonesia for **DFID** – developing a communications strategy for the DFID Forestry Project
- 2001** UK, USA, for **GDN** – preparing a project on Bridging Research and Policy
- 2001** Uganda, India, for **FAO** – developing a Strategic Programme for Information for SL
- 2001** Indonesia, for **DFID** – follow-up support to the Delivering Quality Services Project
- 2001** Bangladesh, for **DFID** – resource person for regional livelihoods workshop
- 2001** UK, for **ITDG** – developing ITDG's Knowledge Management Strategy
- 2001** Indonesia, for **DFID** – developing a project to promote the Quality Service approach in local government service reform

Recent Publications

'From development research to pro-poor policy: evidence and the change process', Julius Court and John Young, pp 100-108 in Dialogues at the Interface Science and Technology Policy for Development, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Directorate General for Development Cooperation.

'Research, Policy and Practice: Why Developing Countries are Different' in Bridging Research and Policy in International Development, Special Issue of the Journal of International Development, 17(6), August 2005, Wiley.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/BRP_JID.html)

'Bridging Research and Policy in International Development', Julius Court, Ingie Hovland and John Young, ITDG Publishing, 2005.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/BRP_ITDG.html)

'Partnerships and Accountability: Current thinking and approaches among agencies supporting Civil Society Organisations', Monica Blagescu and John Young, ODI Working Paper 255, September 2005.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_WP_255.html)

'Bridging Research and Policy in International Development: Context, Evidence and Links', Julius Court and John Young (ODI), in Diane Stone and Simon Maxwell (eds) Global Knowledge Networks and International Development: Bridges across boundaries, Routledge, 2004.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/Stone_Maxwell.html)

'Bridging Research and Policy in International Development: An Analytical and Practical Framework', John Young and Julius Court, RAPID Briefing Paper 1, ODI, 2004.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_BP_1.html)

'Bridging Research and Policy: Insights from 50 Case Studies', Julius Court and John Young, ODI Working Paper 213, 2003.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_WP_213.htm)

'Bridging the Gap Between Research and Policy' (with Julius Court) in The Bulletin, Association of Commonwealth Universities Newsletter, August 2003.

'Good News When Researchers and Politicians Work Together' (with Julius Court) in id21 Features, id21 Media, 2003.

'Animal Health Care in Kenya: The Road to Community-based Animal Health Service Delivery', John Young, Julius Kajume and Jacob Wanyama, ODI Working Paper 214, 2003. (www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_WP_214.htm)

'Bridging Research and Policy: An Annotated Bibliography', Maja de Vibe, Ingie Hovland and John Young, ODI Working Paper 174, 2002.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_WP_174.html)

'Bridging Research and Policy: Context, Evidence and Links', Emma Crewe and John Young, ODI Working Paper 173, 2002.
(www.odi.org.uk/Rapid/Publications/RAPID_WP_173.htm)