CAPOD Funding Report

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<td>Meet the International Development Select Committee</td>
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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

This event was designed to introduce those whose research engages with International Development to the work of the International Development Select committee - particularly drawing attention to how (early career) academics can engage with policy discussions in the U.K parliament. The event addressed ‘impact’ as well as providing a forum for researchers to share their current work with MPs and committee members.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

Numerous benefits were gained from attending this event. Transferable skills addressed included communication, research impact, writing, and networking. This was a unique opportunity to learn/engage directly with those creating the policies and funding the research. This was training offered by an organisation outside of the academe and not something that St Andrews could explicitly accommodate. Presentations were given by key members of the committee as well as a short session on ‘writing for policy’.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

Ensure that any results collected are eventually turned into a 2 page (2-3000 word) summary and sent to the International Development Committee. I will also join mailing lists to receive notifications around various ‘calls for evidence’. I will attempt to base future funding/research applications on current projects being undertaken by the International Development Select Committee – helping to attract funds but also ensure my work has ‘impact’.

Various contact details were exchanged. Individuals are interested in hearing about my future progress - others were looking for advice. I will follow this up.
4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

Various printed resources were issued: Connecting with Committees; The House of Commons at Work; Get Involved It’s Your Parliament; What’s Happening in Your Parliament; You and Your MP.

These have been placed in the Geography and Geoscience common room.

6. Tips/experience learned from the event

Send research results out to relevant people/organisations – even if they have not requested them. Governments are only as good as the knowledge/evidence offered to them.

7. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

8. I give permission for my report to be uploaded to the CAPOD Funding Website:

Yes ☒ No ☐

Report submitted by:
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