



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microfinance/Microcredit

The Chairman and Officers invite you to a Group meeting

2nd April 4.30-5.30pm, Committee Room 19

Microfinance: a commercial or social endeavour?

Is the current climate of commercialisation and race for profits undermining the social vision of microfinance? Can microfinance institutions be both commercial and social successes? Join the APPG on microfinance/microcredit to explore some of the answers to these and other questions.

To lead the discussions we will be joined by:

Erik Josephson, Microfinance consultant for Five Talents – Peru.

Erik is briefly returning to the UK from Peru where he has been working with Five Talents on microfinance initiatives in some of the poorest and most deprived areas of the country. Erik will share some of his experiences and offer his informed opinions on the effect of growing commercialisation in the microfinance sector.

Dr. James Copestake, Senior Lecturer, Bath University.

James currently teaches development economics at the University of Bath and has extensive first-hand experience of carrying out research into microfinance initiatives in India, Zambia, Malawi, Bolivia and Peru.

Sally Vicaria, Programme Manager, Opportunity International UK.

Sally's primary focus is on managing microfinance programmes in Africa, working closely with international partners to develop and manage fundable programmes at a country and regional level.

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