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I am the Director of **Rowan Associates**, a consultancy practice supports the delivery of effective services to people and the communities they live in. I have two decades' experience of engaging stakeholders – in research, evaluation and service development. I adopt a pragmatic approach to organisational and service development, and link policy with practice to ensure visions and aims can be implemented throughout the organisation. I bring an external and independent perspective that builds on a solid evidence base to identify & share good practice.

Specialisms:

- **Evaluation:** I have considerable expertise in evidencing impact and specialises in qualitative evaluation. I can work as an external, independent evaluator; or I can also work alongside organisations to develop self-evaluation tools and processes. I use participative evaluation methods where appropriate.
- **Understanding the funding environment:** I am aware of the changing funding climate and the demands of the commissioning environment. I carry out service reviews and support organisations with actions needed to meet the requirements of their regulators or commissioners. I support organisations to identify and demonstrate their **social value**.
- **Engagement:** I have a track record working with organisations and their stakeholders to ensure effective participation of the right people in projects, developments and partnerships.
- **Heritage:** I bring knowledge of good practice and of community engagement to heritage organisations and projects. I work with a range of organisations and partnerships to develop, review and evaluate heritage projects.

Geographic area covered: Anywhere in the UK or abroad.

Publications include:

Free to be Me: Celebrating 21 years of Freedom Youth: Research funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to document the history of Freedom Youth, Bristol's LGBTQ+ youth group; Published July 2016, Tangent Books: <http://www.tangentbooks.co.uk/bristol/free-to-be-me-celebrating-21-years-of-freedom-youth.html>

CLIC Sargent: The New Normal: Evaluation of CLIC Sargent's Enhanced Service for young people with cancer. http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/sites/files/clicsargent/field/field_document/The%20New%20Normal-Executive%20Summary-FINAL.pdf

Quartet Community Foundation: Social Needs Surveys identifying the needs of older and younger people across the four West of England Authorities. <http://quartetcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/social-needs-report-older-people-final-may-2015.pdf> // <http://quartetcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/social-needs-report-young-people-final-may-2015.pdf>

The Good Commissioning Guide: (July 2010)

<http://rowanassociates.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/Good-Commissioning-Guide.pdf>

Evaluation of the Urban Livelihoods Programme in the Russian Federation: for Oxfam GB (2008)

<http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications/evaluation-of-the-urban-livelihoods-programmes-in-the-russian-federation-119482>

Preventing Homelessness in the Countryside: a guide to effective practice in tackling rural homelessness, for local authorities and voluntary agencies; with Jeremy Spafford and Cathy Havell (Countryside Agency); **Daring to Dream: the work of rural foyers:** national study identifying factors contributing to the effectiveness of rural Foyers. With Jay Greene. (Rural Development Commission & Housing Corporation)

See <http://rowanassociates.com/research-and-publications/> for a full list

Voluntary Sector Experience:

I have over 30 years' experience of the voluntary sector, and have been a freelance consultant since 1996. Over this period, I have worked with national and local statutory organisations, and with national, regional and local organisations in the Third Sector. I am a Non-Executive Director of **Suez Communities Trust**, which gives me experience of the sector from the funder perspective. I chair a major regeneration partnership in central Bristol (www.carriageworks.org.uk) and am a member of Bristol Civic Society **Blue Plaques Panel**.