



### **Making Evaluation Relevant for Policy and Practice**

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Most developed societies spend large amounts of money on research and evaluation to support public policy and the provision of public services. At the same time there is often a gap between the production of research and evaluation and its use in policy making and public service delivery. This presentation will examine the range of possibilities for research and evaluation to meet the needs of policy makers and public service personnel, and will suggest ways in which the gap between the supply of, and demand for, research and evaluation can be filled.

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