**Summer Session 2: ‘Sustainability: easy to say, hard to achieve?’
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Chat Log**

* Tracy Morse: Agree with that Jill - plus we have to remember that the voice of leadership even at community level is not always the voice of all those in the community as well
* Tracy Morse: and 100% we need a new way of measuring our success away from GBP 😀
* Heather Cubie: I do agree with Jill about adding a word to the adjective sustainable rather than the noun sustainability. In our area of health provision we are working towards a sustainable service with Malawian ownership of the process.
* Jill Matthews: @ Tracey. Agree. GDP is a measure that is well past its use-buy date. Economists have far too much power and influence, often short term economics and 'sustainable growth' - that is nonsense in a finite world.
* Alan Whiteside - Stonnivation: There is a similar short term focus on European cluster partnerships looking at a specific sector for a specific project. Long term strategic alliances are needed that look holistically at shared issues and opportunities for co-design and also to differentiate regions to focus on specific issues or opportunities.
* Heather Cubie: Agree Tracy - very much hope partnerships continue after external funding ceases - still some costs here but largely as volunteers.
* Alan Whiteside - Stonnivation: Sorry, need to go for a meeting at 11.30. Really enjoyed the discussion.
* Jonathan Groves: Yes, the difference between a project and a partnership is a key category.
* Stuart, SMP: You can hear more about the Tafika project's sustainable approach on the SMP's past events page: https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/events/malawi-cross-party-group
* Benjamin Carey: Sorry for not contributing. Very bad connection in rural Scotland. Good conversation. Agree with key message that ultimately advancing sustainability must be people-centred, but also we can't allow corporations to shirk responsibility and claim that it's down to individuals; a very small number are responsible for 50% of global emissions.
* Stuart, SMP: David@scotland-malawipartnership.org
* Tracy Morse: Perhaps something the SMP team could support would be some key questions in guidance for new (and old) partnerships that we should be asking ourselves in this space - how will your partnership contribute both positively and negatively to those environmental, social and economic ambitions that we need to consider globally, how are we hearing the voices of our partners etc. There is great guidance out there on partnership equity etc but perhaps not so much on the 'sustainability' agenda
* Jill Matthews: In terms of sustainability we must be very careful in 'international development' to recognise new funding traps like carbon credits - may be good for local solutions in Malawi but simply allows corporate businesses to carry on polluting and causing climate change - another form of corporate colonialism.
* Tracy Morse: 100% Jill
* Jade Stein: Find our member directory here - https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/our-members
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* Rayana Mohammed: Thank you all for a great conversation!