



BALID

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Literacy in Development

Informal Literacy Discussion No. 11

Books Change Lives

**Alison Hubert, Director of Book Aid International
and Jill Haynes, Head of Programmes**

will lead the discussion on

Tuesday 17 Sept. 2013 at 5.30 – 7.30

at

**Room 5.144, Kings College, Franklin Wilkins Building,
London, SE1 9NH**

Book Aid International increases access to books and supports literacy, education and development in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2012 Book Aid provided nearly 550, 000 new books, donated by British publishers, to over 3,000 libraries. It has sent more than 30 million books to partner libraries since its foundation in 1954.

Book Aid International also manages a number of projects training African librarians, providing grants for refurbishment, and grants for the purchase of books published locally (in English and in local languages). It facilitates the creation of children's book corners in schools, and of community libraries in areas such as the Mathare Valley slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

Through its work in providing books not only for exams, but also for pleasure and for business, Book Aid hopes to help broaden the place of literacy in development.

Our discussion will focus on how Book Aid International receives and selects the books it sends and on the communities it supports through its programmes. It will

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also explore the role of libraries: public, community and school-in supporting access to information in Africa and the place and impact of digital resources in those libraries.

Alison Hubert. After a degree in Modern Languages at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, Alison joined Macmillan Education in 1987 and became Publishing Director where for over two decades she directed the publishing programme for African schools. This programme included the development of children's readers in English and in local languages and African fiction.

Alison became Director of Book Aid International in July 2012.

Jill Haynes. Jill worked in a variety of academic, law and special libraries for over 20 years in Australia. In 2003 she moved to Timor-Leste, firstly as a volunteer librarian at the National University then working with various NGOs, the last five years as Programme Manager for Plan International. A variety of projects were managed in this period, including women's literacy, early childhood care and development and mobile libraries.

Jill was appointed Head of Programmes at Book Aid International in February 2013.

The organisation is undergoing a period of strategic change and will focus its future project activities largely on the provision of services for children and on training librarians in supporting the development of reading for pleasure, for study and, more broadly, for lifelong learning.

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<p>The discussion is free for members of BALID Non-members are asked to contribute £10 (£5 un-waged) to cover costs</p>

Juliet McCaffery: Hon Secretary

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