‘Changing Times, New Challenges’

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Welcome to
‘Changing Times, New Challenges’
A Social Marketing and Socially Responsible Management Conference

We are delighted to welcome you to the ISM-Open 2010 Conference. The conference plays host to a variety of stimulating talks and sessions, and we thank all the various authors, peer reviewers, track chairs and speakers whose efforts have made this possible.

This one day conference, hosted by ISM-Open, is timely given the current atmosphere of global economic and social turbulence. What role can social marketing and socially responsible management play in moving towards a more sustainable and socially equitable economy? The research agendas that we set are vital in helping to advance thinking to meet the current challenges. This conference brings together academic, practitioner and public policy researchers from two key areas of management research to present and discuss current research relevant to these issues.

We are pleased to welcome our four Keynote Speakers: Professor Michael Polonsky (Deakin University, Australia), Professor Jeff French (Brunel University and CEO Strategic Social Marketing), Professor Roger Sugden (Director, Stirling Institute for Socio-Management, University of Stirling), and Professor Guido Palazzo (University of Lausanne). They will be speaking at the opening and afternoon plenaries respectively, and we look forward to hearing what they say have to say against the backdrop of our conference programme.

We would like to thank the members of the organising committee for their contribution, particularly Ross Gordon, Jackie Fry and Jan Swallow. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the conference, not least members of The Open University Business School and ISM-Open who helped organise the day, and of course all of you for taking part.

Dr Marylyn Carrigan, ISM-Open
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Dr Anja Schaefer, Centre for Public Leadership and Social Enterprise
Dr MariaLaura DiDomenico, Centre for Human Resource and Change Management
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About ISM-Open

The Institute for Social Marketing (ISM) brings 29 years’ experience to the study and dissemination of social marketing theory and practice. We began work in 1980 as the Advertising Research Unit at the University of Strathclyde, with a particular interest in mass media communications and their impact on public health. In 1992, our broadening interest in the whole marketing process led us to create the Centre for Social Marketing. In 1998 our work on tobacco was recognised by Cancer Research UK, who helped us establish the Centre for Tobacco Control Research. The Institute was established in 2004-5 at the University of Stirling under a joint venture with The Open University, under the Directorship of Professor Gerard Hastings. Our partnership with both institutions enables us to exploit the increasingly international focus of our work and to build on synchronicities within both universities.

The Institute continues to develop and grow with the launch in 2009 of ISM-Open, led by Professor Sally Dibb, Dr Marylyn Carrigan and Ross Gordon, based at The Open University in Milton Keynes.

The Institute conducts research in three key areas:

- The development and evaluation of behaviour change interventions based on social marketing principles.
- The impact of public policy on health and social welfare
- The impact of commercial marketing on the health and behaviour of individuals and of society more generally.

Current and recent projects areas include alcohol and alcohol marketing, mass media and young people, and tobacco control. Key priority research areas for ISM-Open in the future include: sustainability and sustainable consumption, faith and community partnerships, problem gambling, health, wellbeing and life of quality, ageing, food and nutrition.

Find out more by visiting our website: www.open.ac.uk/ism
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### Future publications linked to the conference:

Attendees are encouraged to submit papers to the following forthcoming special issues:

- **Journal of Marketing Management** (publication 2012, Theme: Contemporary Issues in Green/Ethical Marketing)
- **European Journal of Marketing** (publication 2013, Theme: Social Marketing, Social Change)
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Professor Jeff French

Why nudges are not enough and why social marketing is part of the answer to the current conceptual confusion evident within state sponsored social improvement programmes

In this presentation Jeff French will take a critical look at current thinking about how to bring about social improvement and why social marketing has a key role to play in both shaping the current social policy debate and ensuring more effective operational delivery.

Current policy reflects a degree of conceptual confusion. There is a move away from a top down management, target driven and evidence based approach, that is argued has been ineffective and wasteful. In its place there is an emerging strategy characterised by less state intervention and more personal responsibility. This emergent strategy is embodied in the 'Big Society' and a form of social contract characterised by the PM as "You put your taxes in and you get services out".

This approach whilst different in focus shares the same basic reciprocal principles as the social marketing of creating value and exchange. This alignment means that social marketing must have something to add to the emerging new agenda and intervention landscape.

The backdrop of this debate will be explored and its implications for social marketing. The financial crisis, the need to save money and do more with less. The rise of social psychology and behavioural economics supported by the principles of liberal paternalism and associated interventions such as Nudges. Jeff will argue that we have a great deal of understanding about what works and what does not and that this knowledge is compartmentalised and is often perceived to be in conflict and or competitive. The point will be made that there is a need for a full marketing intervention mix as well as a comprehensive approach to assisting people to change. Jeff will set out some new conceptual thinking about why nudges are not the full answer and make the case for a more comprehensive matrix of forms and types of intervention. A value cost matrix and an intervention matrix will be presented and explained. A central point will be made that all ‘forms’ and ‘types’ of intervention need to be informed by data, evidence and target audience insight.

Jeff will conclude by proposing that there is a need for a comprehensive strategic approach that tackles both the determinants and consequences of social problems and that social marketing is well placed to help develop a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to developing and delivering social programmes.

The case will be made for effort to be focused on an amalgamation and synthesis of what evidence and experience has taught us about how to develop deliver and assess social change programmes.
Professor Guido Palazzo
Primum non nocere – Some remarks on the future of CSR in a globalizing world

Over the last decade, the world has grown increasingly sensitive to the social and environmental problems related to the activities of multinational corporations (MNCs). Around the world, MNCs are the subjects of headline news with stories on social and environmental harm to which they are connected along their supply chains and in their sphere of influence. I will demonstrate how the process of globalization is driving a new, broader and highly politicized understanding of corporate responsibility. In the twenty-first century, corporations are expected to manage social and environmental challenges along their operations and within their sphere of influence, following the Hippocratic oath of primum non nocere: First do no harm.

Professor Michael Polonsky
Examining carbon and general environmental information

The changing nature of scientific knowledge about global warming has resulted in a changing approach to tackling environmental issues. Researchers have previously examined how consumers respond to environmental information, both in terms of attitudinal and behavioral changes. However, past research has not extensively considered how newer environmental issues and information have been integrated into marketing strategy and/or consumer decision making.

This research examines consumers understanding of carbon information and whether it is related to their understanding of more general environmental issues, where it found that knowledge of the general and more specific knowledge were not positively related, for both US and Australian consumers. Using SEM, the research also looks at how carbon and general environmental information impact, through environmental attitudes, on both general behaviors and behaviors related to carbon offsets for US and Australian consumers. The study found that general environmental knowledge influenced attitudes, whereas carbon knowledge did not. In turn attitudes influenced both general behavior and carbon related behavior. Country was included within the model and was only found to influence environmental attitudes and not other factors. The implications for this research are discussed in regards to marketing and policy implications.

Professor Roger Sugden
Public interests logic, management schools and academics

This paper explores the idea of a public interests management school, an organizational form that might position ‘social marketing’ and ‘socially responsible management’ to be able to play central roles in developing a more sustainable and socially equitable economy.
The method is to apply a line of reasoning in the heterodox economic analysis of the organization of production, hence of socio-economic development, and to draw upon a wider literature addressing education and universities. The analysis is explicitly related to the advocacy of a public interest school of management in Ferlie et al. (2010) but benefits from being rooted in the rigour of Dewey’s (1927) seminal appreciation of publics and their interests; and in the positioning of his analysis in the strategic choice approach to understanding the organisation and impact of socio-economic activity (Sacchetti and Sugden, 2009).

The paper begins with a characterisation of socio-economic reality and potential. A rigorous basis is thereby provided for a novel contemplation of an organisation for management schools and a role for academics.

**Socio-economic reality and potential**

Our perspective is derived from a focus on the governance of socio-economic processes and systems, and the actors therein, in the sense of analysing which people make strategic decisions, on what basis and to what effect. To explore the ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ in different governance processes we deploy a Deweyan public interests criterion. The analysis is summarised as follows:

The idea is that one extreme is governance by direction, associated with the pursuit of specific private interests and the exclusion of publics, whilst the other extreme is governance serving the interests of publics. Between are degrees of direction. Current reality is depicted in the space towards the left of the spectrum. This is argued to pose a critical challenge for societies, namely: to evolve a model of socio-economic development that better serves the interests of publics. However, if people are to meet this challenge, then a suitable education system is necessary.

**The organisation of management schools and the role of academics**

Universities are not immune from the socio-economic contexts within which they sit, as witnessed by the influence of the sort of market-based models underlying the reality depicted above. As for university management/business schools in particular, Currie et al. (2010; S1) suggest that they
have actively promulgated the “recipe for disaster” that they see as the “neoliberal economic consensus that swept both developed and developing economies in the late 1990s and early 2000s.” This position is summarised below:

In contrast, we consider the possibility of a management school choosing to adopt Deweyan public interests logic; it might organise itself so as to enable people to think about, analyse and understand ways in which the interests of publics might be better served in the sense analysed by John Dewey. The primary impact of a public interests school would be to contribute to overcoming the current failures of socio-economic development, although realisation that much is unknown about serving the interests of publics suggests a critically important (research, knowledge exchange, teaching and learning) agenda.

Strategic directions for a would-be public interests management school also include:

- Providing public interest forums: spaces where people and organisations might learn freely to inquire and deliberate, such that those comprising actual or potential publics might explore their identities and shape their interests.
- Basing engagement with people and organisations that make up actual and potential publics on particular values, including: the rejection of controlling influences; positive freedom; inclusion on equal terms; sympathy; mutual respect; reciprocity; informed participation; continuous learning; and, in certain respects, the desire to reach a consensus.
- Giving greater weight to action research but in ways compatible with academic activity.
- Balancing sense and sensibility in research, knowledge exchange, teaching and learning activities; in doing so, forsaking the certainty of predetermined outcomes, and placing the nurturing and stimulation of people’s creativity at the heart of activity.

These directions might be argued to have particular implications for the development of ‘social marketing’ and ‘socially responsible management’ if those subjects are to play central roles in the emergence of a more sustainable and socially equitable economy.
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Socially responsible behaviour or ‘a way business is conducted?’

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Abstract:
The idea that social responsibility is good for public relations (PR) and therefore good for business is not a new one (see Golden 1968 for example). Bernays defined PR as ‘the practice of social responsibility’ (Grunig and Hunt 1984 in Clark 2000: 368), and more recently Clark (2000: 368) has suggested that PR and CSR have ‘similar objectives; both disciplines are seeking to enhance the quality of the relationship of an organization among key stakeholder groups. Both disciplines recognize that to do so makes good business sense.’ It follows that if PR is simply a tool used by corporations to manipulate public opinion and perceptions (see Beder 1999; Miller and Dinan 2000; and Stauber and Rampton 2001 for examples), then CSR may be nothing more than ‘faux altruism’ (Hastings and Liberman 2009: 74) at the expense of the public.

This paper examines the conflict between insider and external discourses in the pharmaceutical industry based on keynote presentations to an audience of industry insiders at a public relations and communications summit. By way of participant observation and case studies provided by drug companies, the study attempts to show how managers and lobbyists communicate with corporate colleagues; use several communication strategies to engage the public in health issues; and devise policies apparently exemplifying socially responsible management.

Three case studies were identified to supplement observational and participatory notes. The first is based on a presentation by a company representative outlining the value of CSR in the company’s business and corporate strategy, and illustrating how audiences are engaged with CSR messages. By increasing societal focus on neglected diseases through CSR campaigns, the company was able to gain policy support in pricing and regulation; ‘avoid the loss of public trust and goodwill’; and ‘develop new capabilities through partnerships.’

The second case study considers the core values and political strategies of a major European pharmaceutical lobby group. The analysis focuses on the organisation’s devising of communication strategies to impact on policymakers and influential stakeholders, irrespective of implications for public health: ‘The untruth we all have to play to is that the patient is at the centre of healthcare’ (anon, 2009). Lobbyists encourage the industry to accept that its ‘traditional’ influences are no longer ‘effective’ and it needs to change its strategies to ensure continued success.

The third case study explores ‘Public Relations in the Transforming European Pharma Market.’ It brings together several examples of PR strategies and ‘reputational networks’ that pharmaceutical companies use to share knowledge and build customer trust. For example, it stresses the importance of engaging with patient advocacy groups as they play an increasingly important role in healthcare systems.

Internal discourses reveal the industry’s communication strategy as engaged in the formation of a pseudo-scientific ‘Malthusian catastrophe’ to justify an agenda that is contradictory to the external message conveyed to patients. CSR is advocated as an essential business strategy which - if used in conjunction with other communication strategies such as public awareness campaigns; collaborations with patient advocacy groups; and affiliations with lobby groups that create both clinical and political messages appealing to policymakers - will lead to corporate successes. This study raises the question of whether these policies are ethically and honestly communicated to the
public, or can be inherently deceptive. It also raises questions about the purpose and value of CSR and whether or not we can trust companies to act responsibly.

The empirical data provides evidence supporting a model which brings together several, interactive stakeholders collaborating during scientific communication processes. Policies are implemented with the cooperation of other ‘players’ in the ‘pharma-sphere’, and these stakeholders help shape and define the messages disseminated to the public. In this way, they consciously and unconsciously facilitate Big Pharma’s pursuit for profit. For some of these entities claiming to act in the public interest, colluding with an industry primarily responsible to its shareholders jars with their semblance of benevolence. For others, devising strategies to assist these companies’ quest for commercial gain is used as a tool to attract more clients. This concept is described as ‘Pharmaaffiliation’ and if used effectively by management teams, can create a veneer of socially responsible management that may not necessarily be in the public interest.

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The applicability of industrial symbiosis praxis to improving the environmental sustainability of supply chains

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Over the last decades, environmental issues concerning supply chains have been growing in importance and taking a significant part of the wider debate on how industry meets the challenges of sustainability (Seitz and Wells, 2006). Due to pressures from various stakeholders, organisations are currently facing increasing challenges to integrate sustainable practices in the management of their supply chains (Faisal, 2010).

The environmental impact of supply chains is a complex problem which involves interconnected and interdependent organisations from different industries, sectors and geographical areas. Finding ways of involving the parts of a supply chain system in synergistic relationships aimed at minimising the overall impact of the whole system on the environment is likely to achieve better results than each part trying to do its best in isolation.

The adoption of sustainable practices in supply chains is a daunting task. Even when players in the supply system try to be consistent, it is very difficult to do it at a global level (Faisal, 2010). This implies that to integrate sustainability in supply chains it is imperative to understand the mutual relationships among the players in the supply system. Moreover, the ecological paradigm for supply chain management demands extended integration of sustainability values, where responsible management is a key function (de Brito et al., 2008).

When exploring a conceptual framework for sustainable supply chain management, Svensson (2007) has identified a number of somewhat isolated, but to a certain extent replicated, views in the literature that strive to address issues concerning sustainable business practices and theory, namely: green purchasing strategies; green marketing; environmental marketing; environmental management; corporate social responsibility (CSR); sustainable supply network management, life cycle assessment, ISO 14000 standards, and so forth. This paper aims to add a rather young field of development to this list: industrial symbiosis.

The applicability of industrial symbiosis concepts, practices and approaches in supply chain management seems to be reasonably useful for supporting the development of eco-innovative approaches to improve the environmental sustainability of supply chains. In general, industrial symbiosis focuses on the flow of materials and energy through networks of businesses and other organisations as a means of achieving ecologically sustainable industrial development (Seuring, 2004). It tries to engage separate industries in a collective approach to competitive advantage involving physical exchange of materials, energy, water, and by-products (Chertow, 2007). Collaboration and synergistic relationships are key aspects of industrial symbiosis initiatives. Such initiatives are expected to boost environmental integrity, social equity and economic prosperity of communities and regions (Bansal and McKnight, 2009).

Industrial symbiosis approaches such as ‘cascading’ (repeated use of resources in different processes), ‘loop-closing’ (repeated use of resources in same processes), the use of waste as feedstock to other organisations’ processes, and the involvement of different layers of unconnected participants in symbiotic relationships, will be key managerial practices explored in the paper.
To delimit the discussion, the paper will focus upon the food supply chain. The environmental and social consequences of the food industry and its supply chain activities represent a global challenge which requires innovative sustainable practices that are effectively achievable to the organisations involved. The food sector as a whole faces considerable challenges imposed by the limited availability of arable land and natural resources for food production on the one hand, and the continuous increase of food consumption dictated by the exponential growth of populations and livestock on the other hand. In 2008, the Cabinet Office pointed out the pressures of climate change on food production and the impact of food chains on the environment as some of the major challenges which need to be addressed before long (Strategy Unit, 2008).

In order to improve its accountability and responsibility toward new expectations of customers and the society, the food sector needs innovative ways of developing concerted actions and collaboration initiatives that improve not only intra-organisational processes within specific areas, but also the relationships and integration of inter-organisational processes that take into account the flow of both products and by-products across industries.

In general, the paper will critically discuss and identify potential links that can integrate cross-industry processes through the application of industrial symbiosis concepts and practices. The managerial implications here addressed will consider how organisations involved in a food supply chain system can get engaged in symbiotic relationships that can potentially improve not only their own environmental sustainability performance, but also the performance of the supply chain system they are part of.

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Corporate social responsibility, human rights law and the pharmaceutical industry: research studies of socially responsible management in practice

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Abstract:
The pharmaceutical industry is a fascinating sector to explore as many people feel so passionately about it. It is not like the producers of televisions and washing machines: its products do literally mean the difference between life and death. It is fascinating to explore the social, moral and legal obligations and responsibilities the pharmaceutical sector owes to society and how campaigners from a myriad of institutions and organisations attempt to push out boundaries. The sector has been vilified in many quarters - it is not an exaggeration to say it has felt under siege - and the sector has sought to address the deluge of criticism.

The websites and annual reports of large pharmaceutical companies over the last ten years have increasingly engaged with human rights issues and particularly the right to health. They have also built extensive and formal corporate social responsibility frameworks – not because anybody says to, but voluntarily. The companies may themselves argue that this has something to do with attracting employees of the highest calibre and encouraging pride in and loyalty to their employer. It of course makes good business sense: committed employees work harder. Good press about voluntary social responsibility also attracts the attention of corporate and individual investors.

Some development of corporate social responsibility has been ad hoc, incremental, and in response to approaches from external bodies and some has been encouraged by external audits of one sort or another. One audit mechanism was drafted under the auspices of the United Nations. These are the United Nations guidelines concerning access to health drafted by Professor Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur to the UN on the right to the highest attainable standard of health. These guidelines were drafted after years of consultation with many parties including the large pharmaceutical companies. The companies wanted five or six guidelines of a general nature. Professor Hunt was of the view that general and vaguely drafted guidelines would not be helpful: he detected goodwill from the companies, but a need for precise and specific guidance to enhance access to medicines. Consequently he drafted 47 guidelines, accompanied by explanatory commentary. Whilst many of the major pharmaceutical companies were involved during the period of consultation, the majority of these (with the notable exceptions of Novartis and NovoNordisk) withdrew from a later phase which required evaluation of their policies and practices against the guidelines and publication of the evaluation. One key reason for the withdrawal was that the guidelines seek to impose legal obligations upon pharmaceutical companies to advance the human right to the highest attainable standard of health. This is a step too far for the pharmaceutical companies - although they generally maintain that they comply with many of the UN guidelines in any event.

One audit which seems to have been far more successful with the industry than any other is the Access to Medicines Index. This has been published twice, in 2008 and 2010 and it is funded by a Dutch foundation. Superficially it appears to concentrate on just seven criteria, which is what the pharmaceutical companies said they wanted when they talked to Professor Paul Hunt. However, each of those seven criteria are further subdivided into a number of others, which are all weighted differently. So in total, we do not have a picture any less complex than the 47 UN Guidelines. What is interesting however is that pharmaceutical companies have assisted in the preparation of this audit. There are a number of reasons for this. One is that they are being asked about what they are actually doing and the findings are presented positively in terms of their achievement and the laggards gently exposed. As the companies know that the audit is an iterative process, this engages
them in competition against their sector peers to see where they will be placed next time. The Access to Medicines Index does not seek to pin particular social and moral obligations and responsibilities upon the pharmaceutical industry, but this audit is indirectly achieving significant progress in these areas.

Against this background, this paper will undertake a comparative study of three pharmaceutical companies in terms of their development of corporate social responsibility frameworks from the particular perspective of the human right to health and access to medicines. This paper will also evaluate how these three pharmaceutical companies have fared in various external audits and what they see as their direction in terms of corporate social responsibility in the future.

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Putting the ‘social’ into social marketing: practices, norms and communities – the case of energy reduction

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Abstract:
Social marketing is increasingly cited as an important component of the response to the behavioural demands of sustainability (Peattie and Peattie 2009; Institute for Government/Cabinet Office 2009), and in particular energy reduction (HM Government 2009). However, our paper starts from the observation that, while social marketing emphasises the use of marketing techniques for socially desirable outcomes, it often fails to capitalise upon the highly ‘social’ ways in which people think, learn and act. Based upon this premise, and referring to our own research, our objective is to discuss a number of ways in which the ‘social’ can be more fully emphasised in social marketing.

While difficult to characterise, it is probably fair to say that most social marketing on the issue of energy reduction emphasises: the dynamics and problems associated with climate change; why energy reduction is important; and, tools with which people might learn about and reduce their own energy consumption; for instance, see the UK government Act on CO2 website (Department for Energy and Climate Change 2010). In doing so, such programmes appear to assume fairly linear causal relationships, at the level of the individual, between information, attitudes and behaviour, often based upon theory from psychology and behavioural economics. While these concerns and assumptions are not without value, our paper presents a number of ways in which such social marketing might be rendered both more ‘social’ and more effective.

First, from the sociological perspective of practice theory, the analytical focus moves from individuals to social practices (such as cleaning or cooking), understood as linked arrays of: doings and sayings, material things and infrastructures, meanings, norms, and engagements (Schatzki 1996; Reckwitz 2002). As Warde (2005) points out, consumption is rooted in practices. This is particularly true of energy; people do not purposefully use energy but do so incidentally while pursuing taken-for-granted practices, consequently energy consumption is often invisible (Shove and Guy 2000). On the basis of such sensibilities, a number of novel objectives might emerge for social marketing, such as: to make visible and challenge energy consuming practices, and to highlight the energy consumption within practices via real time and retrospective energy consumption feedback (Darby 2006a; Fischer and Duscha 2009).

Second, the social norm approach from social psychology has been widely and successfully used in social marketing campaigns to encourage a range of pro-environmental behaviours, including energy consumption (Schultz et al. 2007; Nolan et al. 2008; OPOWER website 2010; also see Rettie and Burchell 2010; CHARM website 2010). The social norm approach relies on the empirical observation that people tend to conform to norms, and uses marketing techniques to communicate the positive behaviour of others. This might take the form of comparative feedback about the energy consumption of other people or more general exemplary communications regarding the low energy practices of other people. In this way, the social norm approach has the potential to render social marketing more social by capitalising on the social nature of individual behaviour.

In the CHARM research project, we employ a technologically sophisticated version of the social norm approach in the context of household energy consumption. At the same time, to better understand the dynamics of changes in energy consuming practices, the energy consumption data that we collect will be complemented by questionnaire, interview and focus group data.
Finally, in future research designed to further reflect the very social ways in which people think, learn and act, we intend employ this novel social marketing approach within a more avowedly community context. Here, drawing on social learning theory, we note the extent to which learning happens in ways that are social, that is to say experiential, contextual and informal (Darby 2003; 2006b). In addition, drawing on community action research on energy, we emphasise the unique way in which community action provides these conditions (Schone 2009; Heiskanen et al. 2010), as well as the catalytic and synergistic potential of marketing and action among a range of relevant groups, institutions and individuals within the community (McKenzie-Mohr 2000). Finally, drawing on more general community action practice and theory (Butcher et al. 2007; Adger 2003), we also note the fundamental challenge to social marketing practitioners to act with rather than upon communities.

In conclusion, our aim here is not to criticise the current social marketing on energy reduction, but to propose that recognition of the highly social ways in which people think, learn and act is worthy of more routine reflection not only in social marketing on energy, but more generally within the discipline and practice.

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The demon in the strategy stream

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Abstract:
In strategy today, ‘dynamic capabilities’ is the dominant perspective (Bareto, 2010; Easterby-Smith et al, 2009). Bareto, (2010, 256) cites article search evidence from 1997-2007 to back up this claim which is affirmed by Easterby-Smith et al (2009): ‘If anything, interest in this topic has been increasing, as evidenced by citation counts and the amount of programme time devoted to it at major conferences, such as those sponsored by the Strategic Management Society and the Academy of Management (Easterby-Smith et al, 2009, p. 1).

The dynamic capabilities perspective is considered here as the ‘demon in the strategy stream’ because it fails to conceptualize organizations as they really are; as complex living systems (De Geus, 1997). It will be argued that it remains tacitly if not explicitly wedded to the Newtonian ‘clockwork universe’ metaphor (Capra, 1996) which has become entrenched in Western thought (e.g. Helbing, 2009). This is a metaphor which has promoted the idea that managers can tinker with organizations as if they were machines to achieve top down directed premeditated outcomes from change. This notion has long been discredited in the change management literature (e.g. Beer, 1990; Heifetz and Linsky 2002). It has also been long accepted that the strategies which emerge in organizations depend upon factors other than rational analysis, planning and execution. Some aspects of strategy are emergent (e.g. Mintzberg, 1978). The forces which shape the behaviours, decisions and actions of organizational members which contribute to patterns of emergent strategy are complex and neglected within dynamics capabilities reasoning. These forces are complex and can have a powerful influence upon the directions of organizational development. It will be argued that the dynamic capabilities idea that the main role of a manager is to ‘orchestrate’ assets in an analogous manner to the conductor who orchestrates the members of an orchestra, places but a thin veneer over this clockwork universe ‘machine’ metaphor, neglects these fundamental elements and forces shaping the directions of organizational change, marginalizes the human factor and is leading to prescriptions for practice with the potential for damaging consequences.

In the organizational literature, the term ‘dark’ is often used to refer to undesirable and potentially destructive behavioural emergences which can arise in organizational settings (e.g. Furnham and Taylor, 2004). For example Conger (1990) used the term to describe ‘the dark side of leadership’, encompassing leadership behaviours which can have a damaging impact upon subordinates (e.g. Bies and Tripp, 1998; Tepper, 2000; Zellars, Tepper and Duffy, 2002) and organizations (e.g. Vredenburgh and Brender, 1998; Kellerman, 2004; Lipman-Blumen, 2005; Einarsen et al 2007; Aasland, et al. 2010).

This literature offers an indication of the sorts of damaging consequences which can arise within an organization when managers deploy the type of thinking promoted in the dynamic capabilities literature.

In physics, the term ‘dark’ is used without any sinister overtones to refer simply to elements, forces and patterns of movement with properties which can not be understood within the frameworks of conventional Newtonian thought i.e. ‘dark matter’ to account for missing mass in the universe, ‘dark
energy’ pushing galaxies apart in defiance of known gravitational forces and ‘dark flows’ of galaxies moving towards some ‘strange attractor’ in an unknown part of the universe.

The point is that there are dynamic complexities in the universe which Newtonian reasoning cannot explain. There are also dynamic complexities in living social systems which are not amenable to understanding using the type of reasoning which dynamic capabilities theorists have hitherto employed. Organizational systems are ‘complex’ as opposed to ‘complicated’ and whatever else they may be they are not orchestras. They have a phenomenology of their own (Nicolis and Nicolis, 2009). They can only be analyzed, or for that matter managed as if they were merely complicated up to a point. As Capra, 1982, p. 101) noted, Newtonian scientific theories ‘are approximations which hold their validity only over a certain range.’

This paper will use the term ‘dark’ in a manner which is similar to that in which it has been deployed in physics to describe the organizational equivalents of dark matter, dark energy and dark flows which are neglected in the dynamic capabilities framework. It uses complexity science concepts to consider dark unpredictable emergences, which are also ‘dark’ in the sense of the term as it is used in the management literature. In particular, it considers how the type of thinking which underpins dynamic capabilities can lead to poor ethical standards in management.

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1 The problem with detecting dark matter, estimated to make up 22 percent of the universe’s mass is that it can not be seen as light does not interact with it. It does however exhibit the tug of gravity which is why scientists know it exists. Dark energy is an unknown force which appears to be causing the expanding universe to accelerate. This is counterintuitive as the forces of gravity in theory ought to be slowing it down. In 2008 a team of researchers led by Kashlinsky discovered that patches of matter in the universe seem to be moving at high speeds in a uniform direction that can’t be explained by any known gravitational pull. Their research findings were published in the astrophysical journal letters on October 20th. In physics the term dark has been adopted to refer to these three phenomena which can not at present be explained within existing frameworks of understanding.
Framing across cultures: preferences for different message framing options

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Abstract:
While there is an increasing body of knowledge of how cultural values play a part in international communication, there is still a lack of research looking at if and how cross-cultural differences influence health related public service or social adverts, which are often used as a main communication tool in social marketing campaigns.

In previous studies, cultural values have been shown to have significant effects on advertising content, especially the appeals being used to advertise (Dahl, 2004). Specific to social and health ads, fear appeals, have been found to be interpreted differently across cultures (Sheer & Chen, 2008), other studies have highlighted differences in social obligation as a motivational factor across cultures (Barrett, Wosinska, Butner, et al, 2004). One of the few studies that used cross-cultural concepts linked to appeals used in smoking cessation advertising found that loss-framed messages were more favorably perceived in a uncertainty avoidant culture, whereas gain-framed messages were more favorably perceived by individuals from a low uncertainty avoidance background (Reardon, Miller, Foubert, et al, 2006).

Against the backdrop of only limited research, this study aims to contribute to the debate on if and how cultural values can be used to predict preferences for certain appeals in public service advertising. This is particularly important for pan-national health promotion programmes, such as campaigns run by international bodies, such as the WHO, UNAIDS or the European Union, which at the moment tend to use the same adverts, tools and slogans across various countries. For example, the European Union’s HELP “For a life without tobacco” anti-smoking campaign uses the same slogans (translated), imagery and appeals for all member countries of the EU, despite that there are substantial cultural differences between these countries.

This study compares preferences expressed for social adverts using different appeals for two major health issues, namely smoking cessation and condom use. 2000 male members of a gay networking website (1000 from the UK and 1000 from Portugal) who gave their age as between 18 and 35 were randomly selected and surveyed. The survey consisted of four pairs of mock up adverts promoting condom use, and four mock up pairs of adverts promoting smoking cessation, the two major health concerns among young (under 35) gay men. Each pair consisted of the same image with only the tagline changed – each pair testing for different message framing options (negative vs positive, aggressive vs supportive etc). When compared, there were substantial differences in the preferences expressed between the two groups surveyed, which suggests that different framing options are preferred by different nationalities.

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The fundamental role of ecological intelligence in creating resilient business practice

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This is a conceptual paper that is informed by the ideas and outcomes of two EPSRC funded projects undertaken in the areas of sustainable innovation, organizational change and ecological literacy from 2005 to 2008. This transdisciplinary landscape offers up interesting questions concerning the make-up of sustainable practice in organizations: its limits and the opportunities that can arise for creating resilient business thinking and outcomes.

The first project Design Dialogues [1] addressed the integration of sustainability across the scale of business practice, particularly that found in the innovation of new products and services. A number of dialogues were undertaken with expert academics and practitioners in the field of sustainability to understand what is important in constructing meaningful responses to sustainability. There was a surprising level of agreement on what constituted core sustainability values and motivations: particularly the importance of individual value-systems in driving sustainability within organizational activities. An innovation approach was also highlighted as important in challenging the value-system of business; as De Bono suggests [2], innovation should challenge what people know and should explore the different dimensions of performance at the organisational level [3]. The project interviewed six leaders of sustainability-oriented organizations about their thinking and practice. The findings indicated that innovation for sustainability embraces a sustainability culture within which alternative futures and different outputs can be visualized. In so doing the project evolved a methodology for innovation for sustainability that focused on two key paths [4]: the first a cultural pathway to provoke transformations at different scales: individuals, teams, leaders, organizations etc.; its aim to build new thinking rather than implementing sustainability as an add-on to existing business ways of seeing and doing. One of its elements is a framework that enables decision making to be driven through challenging existing assumptions and habits, fostering new connections and developing new modes of operations (figure 1). The second, an operations pathway, finds new opportunities to explore relationships in the value chain – the intra and inter-relations in the business cycle through time - to generate future scenarios which support holistic sustainable solutions at different scales from attributes and products to services and systems (figure 2).
The second EPSRC project *Exploring ecoliteracy and its relevance in realizing far-reaching sustainable innovation* [5] overlapped with the first project and explored different but connected issues. Ecoliteracy combines the sciences of systems and ecology in drawing together elements required to foster learning processes toward a deep appreciation of nature and our role in it. It is concerned with understanding the organising principles of ecosystems and the potential of these in constructing sustainable human societies [6] The research explored design in a context of ecological thinking and investigated the opportunities for design beyond that which is currently regarded as ecodesign through looking at whole thinking in a number of key disciplines such as industrial ecology [7], sustainable pedagogy [8], environmental behaviour [9] complexity [10], cognitive ergonomics [11] and organizational learning [12].

A key message from these projects is that creating sustainability (rather than reducing unsustainability) [13] must embrace the ecological domain. What emerged from the dialogues in both projects, and what a trans-disciplinary exploration also showed, was that limits to organizational change are bounded by the limits of the business system. It seems likely that to apply ideas of sustainability as add-on to current practice does not produce a longevity of more sustainable practice; there is not scope for resilient futures to grow in this mode of thinking as the limits of current system priorities [the economic boundaries] challenge sustainable operations at their core. Economic boundaries are man-made ones; ecological boundaries are not. The ‘real-world’ is one of depleting natural resource stocks: peal oil and peak minerals and ores [14]. Business models that do not acknowledge the scale of this resource decline have limited potential to navigate the changing system boundary. There is a need to explore the many ways in which ecological intelligence can be deeply understood, integrated and imagined to inform the growth of resilient societal cultures and operations, including those of the business world. It is possible that design can help vision such change through the creation of new types of products, services, systems and operations that help to deliver sustainability.

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On social marketing and social change: co-creating relationships, partnerships and networks

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Abstract:
In acknowledging they collective aspect to social change, social marketing recognises no one organisation has the capacity and resources to understand and respond to socially complex or wicked problems such as climate change and obesity (APSC, 2009; Boyle and Harris, 2009; Hornik, 2002). Multiple stakeholders at different levels have versions of the issue reflecting the interdependencies of social systems, contexts, content and actors. Social marketing is particularly good at realigning individual self-interest that is not consistent with the collective behaviour of a society (Andreasean, 2006; Maibach & Cotton, 1995; Wallack, Dorfman, Jernigan & Themba, 1993; Brenkert, 2002; Rothschild, 1999 and 2002). This demands joint actions at every level by a variety of public, private and third sector stakeholders, if a narrow, artificial, fragmented, linear and unsuccessful approach is to be avoided. Social marketing, in capturing this complexity to place public interest on a level with self interest, identifies a total market dimension to the interplay of social change in a pluralistic society. Social marketing links the individual to the collective, the consumer to the citizen and visa versa through an intense collaborative networked partnership ‘total market’ mechanism for social change that shapes and defines the quality of life (MacKay 2008; Rothschild, 1999; Niblett, 2005; Andreasean, 2006; Abela & Murphy, 2008; Lefebvre, 2009; Layton, 2007; 2009 & 2010).

Social marketing networked partnerships are central to this more sophisticated and comprehensive understanding of social change at individual and societal levels. Partnerships “can add leverage, reach and heft” (Bentz et al., p.20) in tackling social issues. Partnerships bring resources and create infrastructure to advance environmental and policy change, utilising community leaders and organisations, the corporate sector, and the media as gatekeepers of public opinion (Andreasean, 2002; 2006). Partnerships offer multiple levels of influence to identify and manage structural change points (Hastings, MacFadyen & Anderson, 2000; Wallack, Dorfman, Jernigan & Themba, 1993). The application of reciprocal partnership strategies at downstream, mid-stream and upstream results in a conceptual maturing towards the “market with” and “relational” approach to social progress (Hastings, 2003; Hastings & Saren, 2003; Lusch & Vargo, 2006; Wilkie & Moore, 2003).

How do networked partnerships co-create behavioural and social change? Social marketing locates the common denominators between the various needs and wants of the stakeholders. Interaction, communication and partnerships structures "how the wants of policymakers, consumers and marketers come into congruence to meet similar goals" (Bentz, Dorfman, Denniston, & Novelli, 2005, p. 20). As Denniston notes;

Consumer: I want healthier kids: therefore I will give up short-term pleasures and conveniences and support those who champion improved public policies.
Policymaker: I want to increase my public support: therefore I will fight for improved policies for nutritional and recreational choices for kids and families.
Marketer: I want to reduce childhood obesity; therefore I will offer support for policy makers who champion improved nutritional and recreational choices for kids and families” (Denniston, 2005, p.20).

The collective impact, social innovation and progress is achieved by rebundling resources within and across multiple levels of a system of relationships. Collaborative value networks go beyond utilitarian forms of citizen engagement, involvement and consultation to the adoption of symbiotic, equal partnerships (Boyle & Harris, 2009). Furthermore, value networks identify, empower and infuse resource integrators from up, mid and downstream levels, culminating in reciprocal partnerships. Societal change is fundamentally dependent upon networked system relationships and transformational partnerships (Crutchfield and Grant, 2008) that “integrate and transform micro-specialised competences into complex value propositions with market potential” (Lusch, Vargo and Tanniru, 2010, p.21). The asset sharing, resource integration, rebundling and information liquidification of the collaborative network had the effect of increased network density, reconfiguring form, time, place and possession (Lagarde, Doner, Donovan, Charney & Grieser, 2005; Lusch, Vargo and Tanniru, 2010). Social marketing’s social change multimodality, from this ‘total market’ perspective with the interplay of individual/micro and community, society or macro levels, lends itself to a synergistic, rather than an additive, integration framework where the sum of the value created is greater than the sum of the networks acting independently (MacKay 2008; Prahalad & Krishnan, 2008; Crutchfield & McLeod Grant, 2008). It suggests the relationships, networks and multilevel systems nature of change co-creation and associated density of interconnections is a function of its aggregate social relationships matrix (Quelch & Jocz, 2007; Salla 2005; McKenzie-Mohr & Smith, 1999; Vargo and Lusch, 2008; Layton, 2008 & 2009).

This paper explores relationship networks in social marketing as a powerful social change agent. The paper discusses the key constructs of the total market approach, co-learning, resource sharing, interaction, communication and networked relationships, most applicable to social marketing. In doing so, we will demonstrate how social marketing can extend social change to understand and manage interaction between, and interdependence of factors within and across all levels of behaviour with the physical and soci-cultural environment.

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Beyond sackcloth and ashes: Socio-management as an analytical framework

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Abstract:
Concern with ‘socially responsible management’ has been growing in universities, reflected in a burgeoning literature and the interest of bodies like the United Nations. Until now these developments have remained largely marginalized but circumstances are apparently changing. Economic crisis has recently been followed by damming indictments, coinciding with renewed and stinging criticism from within the universities themselves. For example:

- Schumpeter (2009) views 2009 “as a year of sackcloth and ashes for the world’s business schools”
- Currie et al. (2010) accuse the schools of actively promulgating the “recipe for disaster” that they see as the “neoliberal economic consensus that swept both developed and developing economies in the late 1990s and early 2000s”
- Ferlie et al. (2010) call for a focus on “broader social interests and concerns.”

The time seems right for a radical shift. Certainly, there is ample evidence that a shift would impact on people’s wellbeing. This is the context in which we suggest a thorough revision of conceptualisation and understanding, research and teaching regarding socio-economic activities and the way they are managed.

Across management studies and its related fields, attempts to analyse economic activity in relation to its wider socio-economic impact exist, but are disjointed. Established traditions of critical analysis are constituent, for instance, to social marketing, labour process and socio-economic analysis. Recently, critical work on corporate social responsibility and principles of sustainability has started to dominate mainstream debates. However, what is needed is a new framework based upon fresh perspectives and conceptualisations so as to provide common space for critical analysis of the way in which socio-economic activity is managed.

This paper aims to introduce socio-management as such a framework. Our starting-point is to recognise interdependencies between individuals, businesses, organisations, communities, societies and territories; and to enable the articulation and scrutiny of these interdependencies. We do so by introducing a general model of those individual and collective actors and their interactions and interdependencies that need to be taken into account to analyse economic activity in its complex socio-economic embeddedness. We also focus on selected actors and interdependencies in more depth, drawing on contributions from different, established disciplines. We consider, for example:

- **Producers and consumers**
  Social marketing analysis reveals dangerous consumption behaviours – both of individually harmful products and of all products to excess – that are driven by business practices that fail to address the full human costs. The tobacco industry is the most obvious example but alcohol, pharmaceutical, fast food and most recently oil are also implicated (Gapper, 2010); as indeed is marketing in general, with its push to encourage ever more consumption in a finite and overheating world.

- **Organisations and working lives**
  Mainstream HRM is dominated by issues of implementation and performance measurement (Harley and Hardy, 2004; Strauss, 2001), and a re-casting of corporate strategies as people-
friendly investment policies that mutually benefit employees and employers (inter alia, Storey, 1987; Guest, 1987, 1999). That perspective leaves little room for work’s wider social context. Shifting the focus to working lives reveals that members of organisations are also members of families and wider social groupings, implying responsibilities that employees bring into the workplace and that are thus intricately entwined with HRM.

- **Professions and paradigms of management practice**
  In HRM, professional rhetoric typically centres on “business partnering” and how the function can “add value” to “business customers” rather than employees (CIPD, 2006). However, while HRM has lost ‘social legitimacy’ as steward of the social contract between management and employees (Kochan, 2007), it is struggling to become a full strategic business partner (ibid; Guest and King, 2004; CIPD, 2003). Uncovering the different paradigms driving the self-understanding of the HRM profession provides rich insights into the translation of (critical and uncritical) theory into the practices of managing socio-economic activities.

- **Decision-making and the interest of publics**
  Each and every type of socio-economic process, system and organisation is characterised by a particular type of governance, and different types of governance are associated with different welfare effects (inter alia, Cowling and Sugden, 1998; Sugden and Wilson, 2005). Drawing on Dewey (1927), this governance perspective suggests a public interests criterion for analysing the impacts of different ways of managing socio-economic activity (Sacchetti and Sugden, 2009; 2010).
The invisibility of energy and how to communicate less energy intensive lifestyles

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For those working within the area of energy saving and conservation it’s not unusual for individuals to make comments such as: "It’s not worth it!", "I already do everything I can", and "There is nothing else I can do". But evidence suggests this is rarely the case. The objective of this research is to contribute to the understanding of an approach to empower people to live less energy-intensive lifestyles.

Previous research has already identified a number of initiatives that have targeted changing peoples’ energy consumption behaviour (Nye & Hargreaves, 2009) (Abrahamse, Steg, Vlek, & Rothengatter, 2005). What all of these initiatives have in common is that they intend to reduce commonly known barriers to action that consumers use to explain their inability to reduce energy consumption, such as price, lack of information, lack of perceived control. However, current research hasn’t yet agreed what is the "best" approach to promote behavioural change in this area. This is the focus of this research project that aims to explore the potential for encouraging low energy intensive lifestyles through constructing a framework to narrow the gap between social marketers and consumers.

In general, three different fields have contributed to an understanding of what could be termed as the “irrational” behaviour of individuals: 1. economics - the idea of a rational individual in search of maximizing utility, making decisions based on "cost" and "information". 2. sociology - an understanding that energy is “invisible” but a fundamental part of our daily lives; our social practices (Spaargaren & Vliet, 2000) such as warming our house, enjoying a movie, preparing food. 3. Psychology - different frameworks exist for understanding behavioural change, and the connections between beliefs, expected outcomes, perceived behavioural control, actions and the behaviour itself. These frameworks share similar constructs such as self-efficacy, perceived control, and expected outcomes (Fishbein & Ajzen, 1975) (Bandura, 1977). It is these constructs that we explore in this research and their links to effective communication initiatives.

This paper not only reports on key literatures that have informed the research questions, it also begins to describe the process of building a picture of the context in which the research ideas and outcomes will be explored. The research partners with a Portuguese energy agency whose aim is to increase low energy intensive lifestyles in Portugal. An initial survey of energy behaviours was carried out with a view to constructing a picture of individuals’ perceptions, attitudes and willingness to listen and to act upon messages concerning energy efficiency.

A national survey to over a thousand Portuguese inhabitants highlighted that people are aware of what is socially expected from them. This was demonstrated by reported behaviours such as switching off the lights or appliances to avoid stand-by power-use. However Asked for the reasons why they save energy, many responded cost, followed by environmental reasons and resource savings. One striking finding was the amount of people reporting “I already do everything I can” (50.3%) and “I already save a lot or enough” (22.1%) especially since a significant number of people lacked awareness about their high energy consuming appliances or behaviours when asked to recall the energy consuming appliances they have at home.

A perceived lack of self-efficacy, disbelief regarding the expected outcomes or the perceived lack of control among others, are common issues faced by social marketers in different areas. Adding to
this the fact that energy is invisible and intangible to people, this could add additional complexity to efforts to promote behavioural change; energy behaviour change initiatives may well require different triggers and other emphases on peoples’ ability to reach different solutions and outcomes. For that reason this research intends to explore the role communication could play as an effective way to influence the constructs of perceived self-efficacy and perceived expected outcomes, in order to empower individuals into a collective effort towards a subjective social norm in the area of energy saving and conservation. To do so, this research intends to look not only at the area of energy but also at other areas to understand how self-efficacy and expected outcomes have been integrated within interventions, with the objective of mapping these perspectives against those of energy consumers. The intention is to highlight differences of perceptions and potential gaps which could inform future effective interventions for low energy intensive lifestyles.

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Proposing a behavioural change model: engaging young adults with healthy lifestyles through social marketing

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Young adults (aged 19-26) are somewhat neglected in research studies and in public policy as a key group to target in terms of their health and lifestyle behaviours. Increasing attention is paid to other age groups such as children and older adults. However, the incidence of obesity has doubled in this population group during 1992 and 2002 (Rennie and Jebb, 2005). Furthermore, this population group are increasingly characterised by low levels of physical activity, consuming ‘binge’ quantities of alcohol, and consuming poor quality diets (The Information Centre, 2008; Hoare et al, 2004; Henderson, Gregory and Swan, 2002).

Public policy in England, addressed by key policy actors such as the Department of Health [DH], Food Standards Agency [FSA], National Health Service [NHS] and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [DCMS] do recognise the need for adults to choose healthy diets (FSA, 2004), to reduce diet-related disease (DH, 2005), to engage adults in relation to their health (Wanless, 2002) and to encourage cultural and sporting activities (DCMS, 2007). Yet, a lack of a distinct organisation to address these issues, alongside a lack of a consistent approach to tackling obesity and lifestyle behaviours (Lang et al, 2005) has meant that ‘new’ approaches to addressing behavioural change is coming to the forefront of policy (DH, 2008).

One such approach advocated as a useful framework to tackle public health issues is social marketing. Social marketing can be defined as “…the systematic application of marketing concepts and techniques to achieve specific behavioural goals relevant to a social good” (Gordon et al, 2006: 6). Indeed, systematic reviews of its effectiveness demonstrate that social marketing can be successful in targeting nutrition (and food safety), physical activity and alcohol behaviours (McDermott et al, 2005; Stead et al, 2006, Gordon et al, 2006). For this reason, and due to a lack of studies investigating the use of social marketing together with lifestyle behaviours in young adults, social marketing was adopted as the framework of choice within recent PhD research.

A sequential mixed-methods research design was employed to identify the attitudes and perceptions of young adults with respect to their diet and lifestyle (focus groups); to profile typical lifestyles of young adults (in-depth interviews and self-reported lifestyle diaries); and to examine in detail the identified barriers to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and explore strategies for overcoming these barriers (in-depth interviews). From this a social marketing plan was developed aimed at encouraging and facilitating lifestyle-related behavioural change among young adults.

Utilising the social marketing three core concepts of insight, exchange and competition, and the three core principles of behaviour and behavioural goals, audience segmentation and intervention and marketing mix (National Social Marketing Centre [NSMC], 2007), a plan was developed to propose both short-term and long-term measures to encourage healthier food, alcohol and physical activity behaviours within young adults. The ‘insight’ gained enabled a health score to be calculated, in order to assess the ‘healthiness’ of individual lifestyles. Combining this health score with an understanding of the external and internal factors that act as competitive barriers to leading healthy lifestyles, and the exchange concepts that would need to be addressed to motivate individuals to become healthier contributed to the plans’ development. Employing psychographic and behavioural segmentation methods identified a target audience of young adults with which a social marketing approach could be effective to change their behaviours. These young adults expressed a willingness...
to change their behaviours. Analysing results with the Stages of Change, and Health Belief Models (Prochaska, DiClemente and Norcross, 1992; Becker et al, 1977), together with consideration of the marketing ‘4Ps’, led to a detailed social marketing plan being developed.

Highlighted in this research was the need to focus on a specific population group who would be willing to change their behaviours, to engage with healthier lifestyle behaviours. There were individuals within the research study who demonstrated a lack of initiative and willingness to change their behaviours, and for whom a social marketing approach is not advocated. Only by adopting a complete social marketing approach (accounting for all core concepts and principles) could a detailed insight be gained into the lifestyles of young adults. In this respect, it is of equal importance that social marketing researchers and practitioners do not ‘pick and choose’ which social marketing elements to study, as this may fail to see important aspects of individuals’ behaviours, routines, habits and attitudes, that could be of upmost important when trying to change their health behaviours.

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Can computer games save the planet? The role interactive entertainment might play in marketing sustainable consumption

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Interactive entertainment is where people of all ages across the planet are choosing to spend their leisure time and money, in increasing degrees. It is also apparent that Social Marketing has yet to fully exploit this powerful tool. The objective of the researcher’s current work is to examine how commercial marketers are using interactive entertainment strategies and to consider how Social Marketing might exploit that potential fully. The challenge to the social marketer lies in how best to deploy emerging interactive and ‘new media’ strategies to assess the needs of, influence and change the behaviours of key stakeholders at all levels. But can a successful global entertainment phenomenon help to solve a very global problem?

Some background is useful here and two facts are worth stating up front: 1. Global warming remains a threat to the future and quality of our lives on this planet, although the rate of warming is still debated, fiercely. 2. The global reach of the Computer Games industry and its economic value is undisputed. In 2007 Computer games as an economic and cultural force began to surpass other dominant forms of electronic entertainment. Activision’s CEO Bobby Kotick estimated that the value of the industry was $39 billion in 2008 and would grow to $55 billion in 2012². Advertisers and Broadcasters have seen their captive audiences migrate in huge numbers to adopt emerging forms of console, mobile and online interactive entertainment. Commercial marketers have followed taking huge swaths of their marketing budgets with them predictably. It can be argued then that if sustainable issues are to be addressed and resolved using social marketing interventions then those campaigns might usefully deploy the immersion and engagement strategies proven to be so successful for the games sector. It is quite clear that wide scale (global) public and private ‘engagement’ is needed.

Social Marketing is already using some ‘new media’ strategies to address sustainability issues - WWF’s Earth Hour³ campaign provides a useful example. But as Computer Games emerge as the dominant form of social entertainment globally there is a pressing need to co-opt games engagement and immersion strategies in order to reach clients in increasingly complex virtual worlds. But how?

Technological convergence, the process though which previously discrete systems come together to change “the way we create, consume, learn and interact with each other”⁴ enabled by ever increasing bandwidths allowed developers, publishers and distributors to bypass retail outlets increasingly and develop an ongoing relationship with their consumers or clients online. This has in turn, over the last eighteen months, shifted the dominant business model from product to service based. Developers – and commercial marketers alike - now listen very carefully to what their clients want before investing in an expensive development process for a product that may reach retail at the risk of going no further. And so might Social Marketers. By adopting this model, for instance, the potential to advocate, assess the needs of, influence, motivate and change the behaviour of stakeholders both up and downstream online and in increasingly virtual worlds simply cannot be

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³ http://www.earthhour.org/
ignored. And the potential for stakeholders to interact with one another in increasingly elaborate ways in carefully designed virtual spaces is huge.

The Interactive Entertainment industry maps its storytelling and marketing strategies across platforms, time and space and engages with its end users in ever-complex ways. Already the ability to design and create virtual worlds with their own social mores and rewards systems, place the user in the role as hero with a clear and achievable objective, engage with other characters, fictional or otherwise across media globally throws up interesting opportunities. Bring into that same arena the rest of the audiovisual storytellers’ toolbox - emotional structuring, genre, theme, tone, visual style, characterisation, dramatic structure and story types - and the creative possibilities available to effective campaign design are augmented considerably.

The proposed paper then takes as its starting point the argument that Social Marketing can indeed learn from the Computer Games industry and co-opt its strategies of ‘immersion, engagement’ - as corporate marketers are busy doing. But if we can argue for the potential of those same strategies to elicit behaviour change and ‘empower’ in the context of sustainable consumption then how do we go about measuring and evaluating the impact in an increasingly complex digital landscape?
No place to hide: Using the cigarette as a social marketing tool

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Abstract: Although substantial research has explored the impact of many communication efforts on smokers, for example the influence of warning labels [1-3] and anti-tobacco advertising [4-7], one area that currently lacks research is the potential effect of using the product as a social marketing tool. This is particularly true in the area of tobacco control where packaging is extensively used as a means of communicating the risks of smoking but the product itself contains no warnings or information. The present paper therefore makes two contributions to the literature, firstly by investigating whether or not three potential changes to the appearance of cigarettes would lead to positive benefits in increasing intentions to quit smoking. Secondly, by assessing which message would potentially work best on the cigarette, through examining differences in smokers’ acceptance of the messages used.

In order to explore the potential impact of changing the cigarette, a small scenario based field experiment with 125 current smokers was conducted. Each smoker saw an identically framed colour picture of a cigarette placed in an ash tray. Smokers were randomly assigned into one of four conditions with 24 smokers assigned to the control condition where they saw a picture of a normal cigarette. Thirty seven smokers saw a cigarette which was completely black (black condition). Thirty four smokers saw a cigarette which was printed with a message about the number of minutes that each inhalation of tobacco smoke would reduce the life expectancy of the smoker, as well as graphics showing minute time lines progressing down the length of the cigarette (minute condition). The final experimental condition contained thirty smokers who saw a cigarette with the chemicals contained in cigarettes printed on it (chemicals condition). Prior to the smokers seeing the photograph of the cigarette, demographic information and intention to quit smoking were solicited. After viewing the photograph the smokers were asked questions relating to the persuasiveness of the messages contained on the cigarette and intention to quit smoking.

To provide an indication of the potential change in behaviour that might arise as a result of changing the cigarette design a repeat measures ANOVA was undertaken to assess if any changes in intention to quit smoking were apparent pre and post exposure to the cigarette in any of the conditions. It was expected that a significant increase in intention to quit post against pre exposure would occur in the experimental conditions but not in the control condition. Examining the change pre and post exposure revealed a significant main effect of intention to quit ($F = 13.56; df = 1; P < 0.001$) and a significant interaction between intention to quit and condition ($F = 6.17; df = 3; P < 0.01$). Significant differences were found for both the minute ($t = -3.81; df = 33; P < 0.01$) and chemicals ($t = -2.25; df = 29; P < 0.05$) conditions, with increases in intention to quit smoking found post exposure for both conditions (see figure 1: minute condition: $M_{pre} = 3.26$ vs. $M_{post} = 3.94$; $SD_{pre} = 1.85$ and $SD_{post} = 1.69$; chemicals condition: $M_{pre} = 3.83$ vs. $M_{post} = 4.07$; $SD_{pre} = 1.80$ and $SD_{post} = 1.68$).

It is important to assess if the changes found in intention to quit are associated with variables (persuasiveness, refutations, believability, and perceived value) known to influence message acceptance [8-9]. A generalized linear model was analysed with change in intention to quit specified
as the dependent variable. The message acceptance variables were specified as covariates, and interactions between the covariates and condition (minute or chemicals) was also included in the model. The results revealed that only persuasiveness ($\chi^2 = 14.45;\text{ df}= 1;\ P < 0.001$) and the interaction between persuasiveness and condition ($\chi^2 = 4.03;\text{ df}= 1;\ P < 0.05$) were significant (see figure 2). Respondents in the minute condition exhibit a stronger effect of persuasion on intention than those in the chemicals condition.

This study provides initial results which suggest that changing the appearance of the cigarette by the display of health information may result in higher intentions to quit smoking. These results are important and suggest that health information at the point of use may be beneficial. Furthermore, message strategies which make concrete the temporal effect of smoking, particularly relating to minutes of life lost, work best in this situation. Abstract messages such as black cigarettes were not found to be effective.

**Fig. 1.** Change in intention to quit smoking across conditions

**Fig. 2.** The moderating effect of condition on the relationship between persuasiveness and change in intention to quit smoking
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Re-imagining food marketing: Moving beyond the duality of representation

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In response to the current health, economic, and social concerns surrounding obesity and the amplifying threat of the Obesogenic Consumption Environment (Swinburn, Egger, and Raza, 1999, italics added, DoH, 2009) this conceptual paper calls for a reflection and meditation on current public health and commercial food marketing practice. Based upon a critical semiotic interpretation of a series of public health and commercial food marketing campaigns it is argued that a duality of representation exists which raises significant questions about how consumers are conceptualised by the practitioners that create these campaigns, and how consumer behaviour/s may be constituted and governed by, and through them. This duality is expressed and explained through the lens of the Sacred and Profane (Belk, Wallendorf and Sherry (1989)). On the one hand we have social marketing which offers an *austerity* of representation that embeds the meaning of food within that of the *profane* and appears to conceptualise the consumer as either the rational cognitive subject or ‘cultural dupe’ (Holt, 2002). Whilst on the other hand we have commercial food marketing that utilises a semiotic code of *hedonistic* messages and images that positions food in the realm of the *sacred* and conceptualises the consumer as pleasure seeker, driven primarily by the unconscious, desire, and emotion (O’Shaghnessy & O’Shaghnessy, 2002). The paper closes by stressing that if we recognise this duality as an underlying principal of contemporary food marketing practice, then there is an ethical argument that marketers should be under a duty of care to understand the significance of what they are (re)presenting and to reflect upon how they perceive and construct their respective audience/s. Additionally, as a reaction to the current health concerns surrounding food consumption, the paper suggests that there is an urgent need to engage the wider marketing community in developing a debate and discourse that blurs the boundaries between hedonistic food marketing and *marketing austerity*. The purpose of this approach would be to challenge the current orthodoxies and duality that exists in food marketing in order to create both a balanced representation of food and food consumers. This, it is imagined, would provide the (re-)conceptualised food consumer with a balanced set of signifiers on which to base their choice and behaviour.

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Place branding as social marketing: building reputation and confidence

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The current context for the UK is one of extensive cuts in arts and creative sector funding and, in England, the destruction of regional development agencies. This creates a challenge for the metropolitan areas that have been identified as the nodes in an economy of flows (Castells, 1989) namely that of sustaining grass roots support for the maintenance of the creative and artistic sectors that enhance inward migration and economic development (Florida, 2002; Markusen and King, 2003). This paper brings a social marketing perspective to branding and rebranding cities and regions in order to sustain the cultural resources that sustain local identity and underpin their attraction as tourism destinations.

Tourism is a key means of raising the profile of urban locations and of developing the identity of locations for residents and visitors. Hankinson (2005) distinguishes business tourism from leisure tourism in this respect and resources and branding directed at both aspects can support the attraction of inward investment, joint ventures and local and global brand development. Place branding has become an accepted tactic to reposition locations within global networks (Kavaratzis and Ashworth, 2005). Govers and Go (2010) position place branding at the overlap between four domains of knowledge derived from business and industry, the consumers of place, universities, governments and to whom they issue the challenge of developing and employing creative revitalization branding strategies that allow not only weather the tide of economic crisis but also enhance quality of life.

The removal of Regional Development Agencies in England and their replacement with locally developed partnerships creates a role for new indigenously developed social enterprises, such as the A Foundation and associated Liverpool Biennial which initiated a ‘creative quarter’ in the city. Initiatives such as the Capital and City of Culture programmes can support attempts at branding and rebranding. For example, over the life of the Capital of Culture programme for Liverpool, from the success of the bid to the final transition events held early in 2009, the narratives used to gather and maintain interest in and support for the bid shifted. At different points in this process key aspects of the history and culture of Liverpool and its region were either suppressed or neglected, only to resurface (Little, 2008). The initial strategy of emphasising global and relatively elite activities was overturned and a more local flavour given to the whole project.

Liverpool’08 presented a particular blend of highly local and wider global identities which has become characteristic of that city and provides an example of trajectory from the successful bid against intense national competition to the development of a distinctive programme for the year itself, pre and post activity. The enduring issues of shift in perception and lasting economic activity reveal some inevitable pitfalls in process.

Physical regeneration of historical areas and the creation of commercial and cultural attractions are seen as a component of wider economic regeneration. However, regeneration based on attracting incomers rather than engaging an indigenous community raises the prospect of uneven development and reduced social cohesion. Peck (2005) sees problems with the concept of a creative class as posited by Florida. He perceives a cargo-cult dimension to arguments that by reconfiguring a location a peripatetic creative class can be attracted. Peck suggest that the actual projects are little different from those produced by established policies of physical improvement and
that property values rise through the exploitation of local heritage, rather than through the presence of the activities identified by Florida. Social and cultural sustainability in development requires a balance between incoming resources and the indigenous identity which attracts those resources. Real estate driven and increasing property values militate against this, as do policies which privilege nostalgia over innovation. The very success of an acknowledgement of heritage may make the promotion of new economic activities difficult. This is evident in the attempt in Liverpool to complement the Creative Quarter with a Knowledge Quarter based around material and life sciences. In this case a different framework has been developed, linked with other regional centres to capitalise on existing scientific resources across North West England. A more ambitious version of this initiative is being established in the newly emerging cross-border Danish/Swedish region of Oresund with the location of a major scientific resource, the European Spallation Source, near Malmo.

This paper will discuss the attempts by both cultural and scientifically driven projects to enlist grass roots support and the relevance of a social marketing perspective to this aspect of place branding.

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The role of emotion in consuming ethically, a tourism context

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Abstract:
This paper aims to critically review the role of consumers’ as a significant stakeholder in social change. Emphasis will be placed on the role of emotion in consumers’ ethical decision-making and consumption practices in a tourism context. It will aim to enhance our understanding of emotion as a motivator for choice and to promote behavioural change. It will aim to develop our knowledge of consumer cognition as a continuing area of interest and crucially, emotion as a driver of choice that cannot be wholly explained by rational, logical cognitive processes. Furthermore, it will explore the relationship between hedonic factors and ethical consumption practices to help encourage and promote social change through marketing activities.

Research on consumer ethical decision-making has relied heavily on a cognitive, attitude-behaviour paradigm. However, attitude alone is an insufficient predictor of behaviour or behavioural intention as consumers often act in contradiction to their expressed ethical concerns (Carrigan and Attalla, 2001). Furthermore, attitude models have treated affect as an undifferentiated aspect of attitude formation. Indeed, research carried out states that emotion may have an independent effect on behaviour and behavioural intention (Mann et al., 2006). However, Baumeister et al. (2007) claim that the decision making process itself does not elicit emotion(s); it is the outcome stemming from decisions which gives rise to emotion(s). This is a response-base perspective of emotion solely concerned with emotional satisfaction as a desired outcome (Hansen, 2005 and Mittal, 1994). Nonetheless, this is not the case for all. Consumption contexts experience emotion prior to and during consumption as well as post consumption (Pearce, 2009). Indeed, the response-based perspective does not account for the on-going, holistic nature of consumption experiences (Zins, 2002), thus a context perspective is required (Richins, 1997).

Indeed, ethical decision-making is deemed a highly emotional process this has not been sufficiently reflected in the literature (Gaudine et al., 2001, and Steenhaut et al., 2006). Ethical consumption accounts for consumers who actively participate in positive ethical behaviour. Defined by Shaw et al. (2000) it includes ethical obligation and self-identity. However, ethical obligation is considered antecedent of attitude and behavioural intention, but a clear attitude-behavior gap is evident (Carrigan and Attalla, 2001 and Loken, 2006). Furthermore, the role of self-identity in ethical consumption is questionable as consumers’ declare ethical beliefs that may be inaccurate due to a lack of self-awareness. Consumers’ tend to blame others or the situation they are in and not themselves for their actions (Higgins et al., 2008). ‘Moral protagonist’ or ‘ethical ideology’ may be the foundation of consumer identity based on a mythic or ideological meaning “used by consumers to undertake moralistic identity work through consumption practices” (Luedicke et al., 2010, p.1018). As a result, this begs the question ‘are consumers simply portraying identities based on ethical ideologies or acting as moral protagonists’ who are in fact not self-aware thus demonstrating identities as part of a mass mediated marketplace ideology thus interpreting media for identity and lifestyle (Arnould et al., 2005 and Luedicke et al., 2010). Ethical decision-making models have sidelined the ‘factors affecting consumers’ by viewing ethical decision-making as an essentially rational process (Shaw et al., 1999, p.109). Indeed the role of emotion requires further research as many individuals are unaware of the power of their inner states such as feeling, attitudes, reference values and competencies on their actions (Higgins et al., 2008).

Furthermore, tourism as a research context is an emotionally rich consumption experience as it is consumed weeks or months in advance as part of their decision-making process. Consumption
begins with consumers’ fantasies and daydreaming (Pearce, 2009). In ethical tourism as an ethical consumption practice, motivations such as reward maximisation through pleasure and sensation seeking are not widely acknowledged. Hedonism is perceived as less ethical or related to less sustainable consumption patterns (Vermeir et al., 2006). However, “ethical consumers do not deny consumption but rather choose goods that reflect their moral, ethical and social concerns” (Szmidt et al., 2006, p.609). According to Schaefer and Crane (2005) sustainable consumption need not be regarded as joyless or self-denying. Indeed, “the experience of purchasing an ethical brand in this way can offer hedonistic pleasure” (Holbrook and Corfman, 1985, cited in Szmidt et al., 2007, p.400). Indeed, having highlighted the fact that “attitude does not directly impact intention but rather require[s] the motivational stage of desire” (Shaw et al., 2007, p. 34). Desire has a major role to play in ethical consumption to help bring about social change as it is a direct impetus for intention.

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Social marketing and performance evaluations in non-profit services: missing stakeholders’ expectations

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Abstract:
Social marketing increases legitimacy and visibility (Wade-Benzoni, et al., 2002: 47). However, the institutional environment imposes severe restrictions when public stakeholders, who provide legitimacy, often imperceptibly supervise activities and influence decision-making and organizational practices (Kraatz, & Zajak, 2001). Several recent studies have shown that investments in marketing in NPOs do not necessarily increase stakeholder support (Vazquez, Ignacio & Santon, 2000), especially when the link between marketing and performance is weak (Shoham et al., 2006; Siu and Wilson, 2006).

Nonprofit organizations (hereafter NPOs) aim to have access to resources and influence their institutional environment is vital to their survival because: (a) NPO often have limited autonomous resources and stakeholders’ influence can come at times at the expense of the organization’s own interests; (b) the influence of the institutional rather than the technical environment is intangible (Scott, 1995) and it is therefore difficult to measure NPO performance accurately. Moreover, because measures of NPO performance can lead to differences of opinion (Rado et al., 1997; Mitchell, Aigle & Wood, 1997), strategies must be adopted to address the link between performance and multiple constituent effects (Gainer & Padanyin, 2002; Galaskiewicz & Bielefeld 1998) to fit management tactics necessary for NPO survival considering various communication techniques or attitudes (Webb et al., 2000) affecting fundraising (Balser & McClusky, 2005; Bryson, Gibbons & Shaye, 2001; Peltier & Schibrowski, 1995; Herman & Renz, 2008).

Does marketing decrease or increase the gaps in performance evaluations in Israeli NPOs? We explore how different marketing techniques affect private and public stakeholders’ evaluation of NPO using as a dependent variable the degree of discord in stakeholders’ definition of performance and a set of independent social marketing techniques as the independent variable.

We use marketing aspects -intensive promotion of services/products, level of investment in improving an organisation’s image, degree of cooperation with other groups- to show that NPOs need to use various marketing approaches to accommodate for the differences in expectations between private and public stakeholders.

We use a convenience sample of NPOs in 2007 and a a 64-item questionnaire related to non-profit operations, structure and practices. Sixty-two per cent (135 organisations) returned the questionnaires. Mean organisational age was 14 years, 30% were located in metropolitan areas. Managers averaged 6 years of organisational experience, and 50% of them had had professional training.

Results demonstrate that marketing is significant to both public ($R^2 = .049$) and private ($R^2 = .157$) performance gaps: the effect of marketing increases public stakeholders’ evaluation of performance gaps by a factor 10% ($R^2=.396$) relative to the effect of environment ($R^2=.259$). In the case of private stakeholders, the same type of effect has triple magnitude ($R^2=.535$) relative to the previous inclusion of environment effects ($R^2=.115$). This indicates that marketing may have a higher effect on performance gaps among private stakeholders, whereas environment has a greater effect in the case of public stakeholders. It is thus reasonable to assume that local government, for example,
would allocate funding according to the needs of a target population rather than to marketing messages, which is why the effect is lower.

We conclude that marketing efforts in the NPOs are the single most effective way of gaining visibility and support in terms of participation and/or of selling products and services (Macdonald and Byron, 2003). Like the business sector, NPOs address targeted populations to increase social visibility, enhance fundraising and thereby improve performance but the role of marketing on performance is empirically less evident (Herman & Renz, 2008).

The main reason is that NPOs being “institutionalized” organisations, must comply with a great variety of social agents and operate under regulative, normative and cognitive standards in order to attain funding resources and generate processes and outcomes necessary to their survival (Scott, 1995). These social agents, however, often have different and/or conflicting goals that impede establishing “objective” success criteria in NPOs. Awareness of, and marketing according to, these subtle differences between private and public stakeholders (Dees, 1998) are imperative for improving performance. The findings confirm that marketing has a significant effect on evaluations of performance when targeting private stakeholders (organisations and individuals); intuitively or intentionally, NPOs marketing “targets” private stakeholders successfully; the link between marketing and performance is high (Rukert, 2008).

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From authoritative governance to collaborative empowerment: a social marketing approach to the co-creation of science policy

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Science surrounds our daily lives and is an integral component to the development of sustainable communities and societies. Science also contributes to the competitiveness and advancement of nations through their governing policies. Historical approaches to policy formulation have been indoctrinated by an authoritarian process of oversimplification. In particular, the co-ordination of science policy since the 1950s has revolved around a problem solving process of sustaining scientific literacy levels to meet the educational requirements of relocating multinationals. Indubitably, changes in the economic environment now precipitate a paradigm shift from the traditional system of authoritative governance to a new system of collaborative empowerment. Each nation now needs to deepen and accelerate its creative capacity in order to formulate and shape pioneering policies which co-integrate the skill sets, ideas and intellectual capabilities of stakeholders from up, mid and downstream levels in a networked knowledge society.

The current interfaces between science ‘and’ society for polity embrace the classic rhetoric of a linear or vertical model of top-down didactic decision making processes, eradicating the compulsion for public participation. This traditional approach of mass communicating science ‘to’ the public needs to be replaced by a systemic, multi-directional and multi-dimensional model of integration, facilitating synergistic and collaborative engagement processes for science ‘in’ society.

Social marketing has proven instrumental in shaping voluntary behavioural change for the greater good of the individual and society in areas such as obesity, drink driving, smoking cessation and global warming, through the adoption of a total market approach of inter-system co-operation and collaboration. Social marketing, therefore, possesses the ability to overcome the disparaging relationship between science and society, through the employment of collaborative value networks (Lusch, Vargo and Tanniru, 2010). Value networks require action at every level, from international to national and local, as well as action by the private and community sectors, in addition to the involvement of individuals themselves (Darnton, 2008; APSC, 2007). Collaborative value networks also go beyond utilitarian forms of citizen engagement, involvement and consultation to the adoption of symbiotic, equal partnerships (Boyle and Harris, 2009). Furthermore, value networks identify, empower and infuse resource integrators from up, mid and downstream levels, culminating into balanced partnerships of power and responsibility throughout the strategic social marketing process, ensuring sustainable behavioural change for science ‘in’ society.

In recent years, it has become increasingly evident that governments and policy makers alone cannot simply deliver key policy outcomes and initiatives to a disengaged and passive public. Complex social problems such as the disconnect between science and society requires holistic rather than linear thinking (APSC, 2007). Collaborative partnerships, value networks and this social marketing network of networks and community of practices approach, moves away from the centralised top down authoritarian model and pays much more attention to reciprocal dialogue (Inzelt, 2008). The collaborative co-configuration of inter-system, inter-institutional and inter-organisational relationships changes the roles of resource integrators from being isolated, passive...
and unaware to strategically connected, active and informed, promoting an all inclusive approach to effective social change (APSC, 2007; Prahalad and Venkat, 2004).

Social marketing encourages stakeholders to become effective agents of change in co-defining, co-contextualising, co-sensing, and co-creating meaningful solutions to the escalating divide between science ‘and’ society. Co-creational processes of change in social marketing surpass the goods dominant logic of value-in-exchange which is subsumed with self-interest, to the service dominant logic of value-in-use, where the participants contribute to, and become, resource integrators of the collaborative and interactive value process (Gronroos, 2008; Payne, Storbacha and Frow, 2008; Spohrer and Maglio, 2008; Vargo and Lusch, 2008; and Vargo, Maglio and Archpru-Akaka, 2008; Sheth and Uslay, 2007). The co-creation of social value emanates from the empowerment of mutual interests rather than focusing on individual silos of knowledge, resulting in a win-win situation for science and society.

This paper will illustrate through an integrated social marketing perspective, how science policy co-ordination processes need to transcend the boundaries of an authoritarian top-down model, to the implementation of a total market approach of inter-institutional and inter-system collaboration. The paper also delineates how science requires thinking and learning systems that grasp the bigger socially complex picture in identifying and managing interrelationships across the full range of independent and causal factors underlying its variety of stakeholders. This necessitates broader systems of active and empowered partnerships, alongside social marketing network formations at every level; from national to individual, to ensure consensus rather than dissensus for policy development and social change. Furthermore, an integrative social marketing approach manages the complexity of oversimplifying political and social issues, as it increases the public awareness of, support for, and engagement with science, thus, illustrating its appropriateness as the recommended way forward to ensure continued success in scientific research, development and policy formulation.

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Going with the flow? What CSR can learn from innovation

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Abstract:
Introduction
Despite having attracted academic attention for more than half a century, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has remained a fuzzy concept. Its precise meaning is shaped by a multitude of actors who interact at various levels in constant attempts to define and redefine the concept (Sahlin-Andersson, 2006; Windsor, 2001). At the same time, CSR has become increasingly difficult to ignore. As it is becoming expected of companies to address their responsibilities to society in some form or other, CSR managers are confronted with numerous challenges. Not least these include the challenges to infuse their organisation with novel values and ways to operate and to tap into perceptions of a range of external and internal stakeholders (De Bakker and den Hond, 2008; Donaldson and Preston, 1995).

The central argument of the paper
It is the central argument of this paper that the situation for CSR as a field – and for CSR managers as those charged with implementing the concept – is very similar to that of innovation and technology development – including the situation for those in charge of implementing these. Innovation too is a fuzzy process that is shaped through a constant interaction of multiple stakeholders and one that flows in sometimes unpredictable directions – with the resulting danger that a firm becomes locked into an outmoded way of ‘doing things’.

This raises the question what scholars and practitioners of CSR can learn from the innovation literature, in particular from those parts that deal with the processes in which innovation and technological development emerge rather than get implemented. Such insights could perhaps make CSR genuinely innovative rather than ‘just’ strategic, focussed on the business case (Preuss, 2010). The paper proceeds by examining the nature of innovation as operating at three interlinked levels, the micro-level of the innovating firm, the meso-level of the infrastructure that surrounds it and the macro-level of society.

Societal perspectives of innovation
Innovation does not exist in a vacuum but is shaped and moulded by a myriad of societal pressures reflecting varying power relations, perceptions and interactions at different levels (Williams and Edge, 1996). This social emphasis on the process of innovation and technology development suggests that innovation and technology developments is not pre-determined, programmed in as it were by inviolable characteristics, but rather shaped and constructed by society as a whole (MacKenzie and Wajcman, 1985; Biker and Law, 1992). Exploring the antecedents to change, as opposed to the impacts of change, can thus expose new insights in terms of societal accord in encouraging or dissuading paths of potential development (see for example, Jørgensen and Jørgensen, 2009).

Intermediate-level perspectives of innovation
At the intermediate level, we can point to a change in orientation from closed environments dependent upon the interaction of internal members to more outward facing, open environments encouraging the bringing in of external actors to enrich and enhance internal abilities. Such open innovation systems (Chesbrough, 2003) emphasise the innovation is a collaborative process requiring the input of many (specialised) actors or institutions. Commonality and openness at the
intermediate level has the flipside of proprietary and closed systems. Where differing systems are seen to compete, witness for example the contemporary battle between Blu-ray and HD DVDs, there may be a long period of flux before a unified view emerges and a successful innovation path is established. This has some compelling lessons for CSR in that competing solutions may hamper diffusion here too.

**Firm-level perspectives of innovation**

The sharing and bringing-in of knowledge to translate into innovation has implications for individual firms in terms of competitive advantage. Innovation at this level takes on the perspective of openness and an encouragement to learning for all in the firm. Thus we see a new emphasis upon encouraging input from all employees, in other words a democratisation of innovation. Innovation within the firm thus spills over from traditional focused departments, such as R&D, to embrace the whole firm (Christensen, 1997).

**Implications for CSR**

Discussing antecedents to innovation at societal, intermediate and firm levels points to a number of implications for CSR. The fuzziness inherent in innovation can be taken as indication that CSR too is likely to remain in flux. Although developments in CSR have at times lead to new institutions, such as United Nations Global Compact or the Sustainability Reporting Guidelines by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), apparently stable entities may be more thixotropic in nature as they are made fluid again through stakeholder interaction.

Such a conceptualisation of CSR has important implications for CSR research and consulting. If CSR is an inherently contradictory and uncertain process, just like innovation, then attempts to measure CSR are likely to be futile. Any such attempt treats CSR as proceeding on a predetermined path, whereas it will only be possible with hindsight to say how relevant the measures were, at a point in time when that relevance may have been challenged again. For CSR managers, this points to yet another challenge, namely to avoid getting locked into modes of ‘doing CSR’ that are outdated tomorrow.

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The unwanted digital second self: A case for social marketing?

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The invention of the World Wide Web (or ’Web’, Gillies and Cailliau 2000) has given rise to a ‘network economy’ (Achrol and Kotler 1999). As a new environment for communication, the Web has the power to modify “all domains of social life” and constitutes a structural change that “offers as many opportunities as it raises challenges” (Castells 2002, 275).

For businesses, this has provided the opportunity of a truly targeted approach on the basis of detailed customer information (Ansari and Mela 2003). But the challenges are also abundant. Tim Berners-Lee, one of the creators of the Web, recently criticised the tracking of online activities and warned of the need for consumer protection (Cellan-Jones 2008). Others have questioned the apparently benign collection, processing and analysis of personal data (e.g. Culnan and Armstrong 1999; Langenderfer and Cook 2004).

The development of ‘Web 2.0’ is particularly significant to this discussion with its further convergence of technological and social networks (Kleinberg 2008; O’Reilly 2005). Technically it supports social user involvement by providing an architecture of participation (O’Reilly 2007) that allows for an increasingly complex network of aggregated relations between individuals (Howe 2009; Shirky 2009). The use of social networks and Web-diaries has recently surpassed the use of personal e-mail (Nielsen Online 2009) and the average time spent on social networks continues to increase in many countries (nielsenwire 2010).

The relationship of a social group is always complex and ‘Web 2.0’ is no exception as increasing knowledge within a group is accompanied by a loss of individual privacy. The significance of privacy is entrenched in traditional liberal thinking, where privacy is considered to be important “for self-development or for the establishment of intimate or human relationships” (Regan 1995, 214). The consolidation of online and offline worlds means that the different roles an individual plays in society become visible simultaneously (Palfrey and Gasser 2008).

Merging roles raises the question of whether people in general and young people in particular using social networks, “fully understand the long-term consequences of sharing intimate information about themselves with the world” (Tapscott 2009, 71). Over time, such behaviour may create an unwanted digital second self within the network that others mistakenly view as a representation of the individual (Reppel and Szmigin 2010). Possible consequences of this could be negative credit ratings, the revelation of embarrassing facts or even the denial of group participation. Loss of privacy has been identified as “perhaps the most obvious shadow side of technological cooperation systems” (Rheingold 2002, xxii) and “a huge and unresolved issue on the Internet” (Tapscott 2009, 295).

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service Facebook (e.g. Bankston 2009; Kirkpatrick 2010; Stone and Stelter 2009), which were designed to encourage users to make more personal information available to the wider public (Cashmore 2010).

Similarly, a reliance on structural changes, such as ‘privacy-enhancing technologies’ (Borking 2005; Burkert 1998) and privacy legislation (e.g. Solove 2004) are also limited. Learning new technologies places a substantial burden on individuals and privacy legislation relies on the legal system, which vary fundamentally across the world (Bejot 2001; Nettleton and Obhi 2004a, 2004b).

An alternative to the limits of regulation is a change in individual user’s behaviour stimulated through social marketing. Initially devised as the adaptation of marketing to aid the acceptance of an idea (Kotler and Zaltman 1971), the aim of social marketing has recently been redefined as the change of individual behaviour that complements rather than competes with structural change or community mobilization to achieve social change (Andreasen 2002). Social marketing is concerned with behavioural change that people may be resistant to and whose benefits are not immediately obvious (McDermott, Stead and Hastings 2005).

The perspective of voluntary behaviour change on social marketing requires clarification on when it can and should be used. A social marketing campaign can be used when it is possible to identify socially critical individual behaviour and the target audience of the campaign. Social marketing should be used when it can be justified to be effective and efficient (Andreasen 2002). On the basis of these requirements, we will discuss the appropriateness of a social marketing campaign for overcoming the trade-off between ‘participation’ versus ‘identification’ on the Web.

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The role of organisational citizenship behaviour in creating a sustainable working environment

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Abstract:
This paper presents initial findings from exploratory research examining the nature and role of employees' organisational citizenship behaviours (OCBs) relating to the creation and adoption of sustainable working practices. It advocates an internal marketing approach to help managers encourage pro-environmental OCBs.

Organisations, not individuals, are the main cause of climate change attributable to human activity (Senge et al., 2008; Stern, 2000). Pressure from a range of stakeholders, including customers for more environmentally friendly products (Porter and van der Linde, 1995); investors’ requirements for environmental initiatives (Gilley et al., 2000); government legislation (Bansal and Roth, 2000) and changing social values (Hostager et al., 1998) have resulted in a growing number of organisations setting environmental goals, policies and strategies. Many involve encouraging pro-environmental behaviours amongst employees, for example, by providing recycling facilities and subsidising transport alternatives. Additionally, organisations are looking toward worker participation as a means to achieve environmental goals through innovation (Ramus and Steger, 2000; Rothenberg, 2003). Conversely, there is also evidence that employees are driving change and the importance of organizational citizenship behaviour (OCB) has been emphasized i.e. behaviour that is beneficial for an organisation but falls outside formal role requirements (Podsakoff et al., 2000).

In order to influence behavioural change there is a need to understand the factors determining behaviour. Findings from fourteen focus group interviews with employees of five U.K public and private sector organisations were analysed adopting an inductive, thematic approach. An integrative framework is proposed, based on social cognitive theory (SCT) (Bandura, 1986), a foundational theory in social marketing (Lefebvre, 2000) and described as the best theory for understanding organisational behaviour (Arnold et al, 2004). Consequently, SCT offers a promising framework for embedding a social marketing approach within an organisational context. Bandura (1986) describes SCT as based on a model of ‘triadic reciprocal determinism’ where ‘behaviour, cognitive and other personal factors, and environmental influences all operate interactively as determinants of each other’ (p23). The main findings are illustrated in Figure 1.

Motivated by pro-environmental values and concerns focus group participants closely related non-work and work related behaviours, for example, ‘if you religiously only boil enough water that you need, you become more and more obsessed with that, because other people don’t do it, so that becomes your cause, your campaign in the house, or workplace’. ‘Organisational citizens’ typically attempt to influence other team members, whether through example, argument, or simply making decisions for them, as when an IT worker, frustrated at printing redundant reports – ‘turned them off and didn’t tell them’. Work-related team and individual factors were also key. The most sustainable behaviours became embedded in social organisational systems, satisfying multiple stakeholder needs. For example, IT technicians in one organisation promoted a ‘switch off’ campaign because it not only saved energy but also made data back-up procedures more secure. Adoption of OCBs
Organisational factors were more questionable. Respondents' interpretations of formal pro-environmental organisational policy, communication and activity revealed a sense of 'sceptical realism', for example, 'It's all about cost'. Additionally, detailed grasp of specific policies was limited, or absent, and employees regarded senior management's receptivity to their suggestions about pro-environmental behaviour as constrained by business imperatives. Finally, efficacy (the individual and collective belief that one can manage circumstances) has been shown to determine the level of opportunity recognition and task performance related to environmental innovation (Hostager et al., 1998). While the majority of participants were convinced that individuals and teams could make a difference in the long term, their sense of efficacy was occasionally ambivalent: 'It's not going to make it worse, is it?'.

The findings suggest a high level of pro-environmental OCB determined by a range of personal (non-work) and work related factors. A challenge, for managers is how to encourage OCBs outside formal roles such that it is difficult to formally specify or reward them (Yi and Gong, 2008). One approach to achieving behavioural change is through internal marketing (IM) described as a philosophy for managing the organization’s human resources based on a marketing perspective (George, 1990). Important roles for IM include creating a sense of organisational identification which is a ‘powerful predictor’ of OCB (Riketta 2005) and building trust which again determines the propensity to engage in OCBs (Morrison, 1996). The role of IM in identifying and satisfying employee needs through the development and delivery of internal products and services which encourage pro-environmental OCBs is emphasised.
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Can social marketing be genuinely community-led? Complementarity and tensions between social marketing and community development

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For all social marketing's concern with 'consumer orientation' – putting the consumer at the centre of the programme –, most social marketing interventions are designed and managed by social marketing, health promotion or public health experts rather than by the consumers and communities who are their intended target groups and beneficiaries. Community members may be involved in intervention development as research participants – for example, consulted about the acceptability and feasibility of the planned intervention – or, less often, recruited to assist in programme implementation (for example, where 'lay people' are trained to facilitate particular activities or to act as recruiters for difficult-to-reach target groups); they may also be involved in programme advisory and steering groups as lay or community representatives. However, it is relatively rare for social marketing interventions to be designed and managed primarily by communities themselves.

This paradox reflects two potentially conflicting trends which can be observed in current social marketing, particularly in the UK. On the one hand, the social marketing emphasis on actively involving the consumer resonates with concepts which are currently attracting policy maker interest, such as ‘community engagement’, which assumes that public services that involve their users are likely to be of higher quality and more relevant to the communities they serve (SCDC 2010), and ‘co-production’, which posits that ‘people who use services contribute to the production of services’ and is based on the insight that service users bring expertise and assets which can help improve those services (Needham & Carr 2009). On the other hand, the recent explosion of interest in social marketing in the UK can be seen as having been associated with a greater professionalisation of the field and a trend towards outsourcing of social marketing contracts to ‘expert’ agencies and consultants. The development of professional standards for social marketers is another example of this trend.

However, there have also been moves in the other direction: towards a more genuinely community-led social marketing. One example is two ongoing linked projects in north and south Edinburgh seeking to combine social marketing with community development philosophy and practice. Each project is located in a low income area identified for priority funding to promote healthier lifestyles, particularly in relation to diet and physical activity. Overseen by a steering group of health and local government practitioners, the two projects run for 18 months and are coordinated by two community development workers, neither of whom have prior expertise in social marketing or public health. The projects are committed to using social marketing in a manner which is compatible with community development principles. This means, for example, that local community members are integrally involved in conducting needs assessment, agreeing project objectives and developing project activities.

Drawing on the author’s ongoing experience as social marketing and evaluation advisor to the projects, this paper will reflect on points of complementarity and tension between social marketing and community development. Several areas of interest are already emerging: for example, the task of setting a precise behaviour change objective – one of Andreasen’s (2002) six benchmarks of social marketing - is seen as potentially at odds with the principle of communities and individuals determining their own priorities, as well as with the emphasis placed in community development on wider, less measurable outcomes such as empowerment and social capital (Billings 2000). Unease
about imposing project objectives may reflect wider conflicts in community development, such as the potential irreconcilability of community needs and funding agency expectations (Legge et al 2007). Varying levels of ownership and understanding of the social marketing approach are also evident among the project teams, which may or may not affect how the projects embrace social marketing principles and tools as they evolve. In other respects, however, strong areas of complementarity are evident, with certain social marketing concepts resonating strongly with the community development ethos. For example, ‘consumer orientation’ and ‘mutually beneficial exchange’ are seen as highly compatible with the community development principles of ‘starting where the people are’ (Lindsey et al 2001) and developing activities in dialogue with them. Equally the notion of addressing ‘competition’ in the form of structures and policies which are undermining of health – such as local retail practices and poor green space provision – sits comfortably with community development’s concern with increasing disadvantaged communities’ control over resources and services (Legge et al 2007). In conclusion, the paper will reflect on both the limits and potential for synergy between social marketing and community development.

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From transparency to invisibility: the implications of different behaviour change mechanisms for social marketers

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Cognitive exchange-based social marketing can sometimes be quite straightforward. An offer is made in return for a defined behaviour change, which is accepted or rejected by weighing up the pros and cons. The marketer has made a clear calculation that the returns justify the outlay. An example would be an offer to save money by quit smoking using NHS services. The marketing proposition is transparent in the sense that both audience and marketer are fully aware of the exchange.

In contrast are interventions linked to the underlying socio-cultural or environmental structures which often underpin unhealthy behaviours (c.f. Bourdieu, 1985). In these cases ‘choice architecture’ might be used to design the environment such that people are subconsciously guided to change their behaviour (Thaler and Sunstein, 2008). An example may be a change to the organ donation procedure from ‘opt in’ to ‘opt out’ to increase donor card holders. In this scenario the pre-loading of the proposition is largely invisible to the citizen, which introduces considerable subtlety into the scope of social marketing.

In between these extremes lie a variety of behaviour change ‘mechanisms’. Examples are campaigns that arouse emotions (an example may be the ‘Be a Star’ breastfeeding campaign in the UK (see http://www.beastar.org.uk/), activities that take advantage of ‘fixed action patterns’ (Cialdini 2007) and programmes that reform habits. An example is a road safety intervention in which one component involves the fitting of in-vehicle data recorders (IVDRs) that signal to the target group of aggressive male drivers (and records) if they swerve or brake too heavily. They are aware that their aim is to drive ‘skilfully’ in exchange for incentives, but the subtleties of the use of the IVDR to break habits will not be clear to the men (Pressley, Collins, Tapp, & Ellson, unpublished). Diagram 1 illustrates the concept of a spectrum of social marketing activity, from ‘marketer-consumer transparency’ to ‘marketer-consumer invisibility’.

Diagram 1

The implications of the transparency – invisibility spectrum
We introduce two concepts which have emerged as pivotal implications of the transparency-invisibility spectrum; the potential impact of behaviour change interventions targeting groups resistant to change, and the proposition that using approaches along the whole spectrum will improve social marketing’s ROI.

Many behaviours we consider ‘health-endangering’ are seen as positive by our target groups. Binge drinking, for example, is considered fun and sociable, so it becomes clear that a cognitive offer based on the benefits of sobriety will struggle to have impact. It is proposed that for these groups most resistant to change, interventions tending towards the ‘invisible’ may be most effective. An ‘invisible’ intervention to reduce binge drinking would not likely mention alcohol, rather offering diversionary activities with immediate perceived benefits (c.f Hughes, Bellis 2003) or aim to increase its financial cost (in the case of alcohol, as argued by Plant and Plant 2006). This is illustrated in Diagram 2:

Diagram 2: Transparency, invisibility and resistance

Secondly, we propose that applying ‘transparent’ approaches will increase social marketing’s ROI. A major limitation of cognitive exchange is the short lifespan of the new behaviour, creating a need of ongoing marketing to remind and coax. Diagram 3 shows that ‘invisible’ approaches have the advantage of being rooted in automatic, habitual change, which will be more cost-effective because they produce automated rather than considered behaviours without the need for post-intervention marketing investment.

Diagram 3: Transparency, invisibility and economic effectiveness
We also consider the ethical dilemma implied by ‘invisible’ interventions. Although our research indicates that individuals may wish to be led through a habitual, social or emotive route to some behaviour changes, it is also acknowledged that ‘invisible’ behaviour change frameworks will be hailed as manipulation (see for example Brown 2003 for an insightfully argued book on the commercial exploitation of customers).

To conclude, the academic history of social marketing is located in the concept of exchange as a cognitive, rational process (e.g. Schwartz, 1996). Other mechanisms of human behaviour change such as social copying, emotions and habit change have received less attention by social marketers. However, social marketers must concentrate on the variation of causes of behaviour change to achieve maximum impact over the most resistant audiences and to achieve maximum ROI.

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(Re)Defining corporate social responsibility (CSR) during a recession

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Corporate social responsibility (CSR) has increasingly become the key criterion for gauging corporate reputation (Ellen et al, 2006) and is used by companies such as British American Tobacco, BT, Coca-Cola, Body Shop, H&M, Ben and Jerry’s to bolster their marketing and brand awareness (Hancock, 2004) although during the 2008-2009 recession spend on CSR initiatives had been reduced by some companies including Microsoft. It is therefore important for organisations to understand if consumers’ attitudes to CSR altered during a recession, when (if at all) they would be prepared to pay the premium price for CSR augmented products and if investment in CSR initiatives was cost effective during a recession.

A literature review illustrated that the construct of CSR had ‘historical baggage’ and was a confusing and ‘tortured concept’ for both consumers and practitioners through the use of imprecise and overlapping terms (Maak, 2008 & Maignan et al, 2005). This contributed to the restricted development and critical analysis of the construct (Marrewijk, 2003). After sixty years of evolution, research widely showed that consumers were cynical of CSR and mistrusted ethical claims made by organisations.

This research tested eight hypotheses which when applied to two recently developed models of CSR – ‘The Value, Balance and Accountability model’ (Schwartz and Carroll, 2008) and ‘The 7 C’s’ (Maak, 2008). These two ‘umbrella’ models attempted to find the ‘holy grail’ of CSR research – precise and inclusive terms with which to describe CSR within a self regulated compliance framework. They also illustrated how the evolution of CSR had prevented researchers identifying and correcting negative attributes of the construct and creating more appropriate paradigms.

The research used both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies with 15 in-depth interviews and 239 self-administered on-line surveys being completed between October 2009 and January 2010. The respondents were selected through convenience and snowballing. The respondents were treated in an ethical manner throughout the process and gave informed consent to take part in the research. A wide age range was achieved with a mean age of 49 years with the youngest being 18 and the oldest 89 years. 71% had university education with 91% being white. 48% had lower than the average income (<£24,500) with 19% of this group being on grants or pensions earning less than £7500. The results were analysed using critical discourse analysis (Kushner, 2000) and with SPSS using mainly Pearson’s Chi Square and Fishers Exact Test.

Our research identified many insights which collectively indicated that the construct of CSR required further redefining.

• Importantly the research identified that the recession did not have a major impact on ethical spending. This could be due to ethical purchases being a lifestyle choice and ‘ring fenced’ or that the recession has not yet impacted on the sample.
• Although respondents were cynical about ‘CSR’ they widely understood or could infer what the term meant i.e. it had near universal awareness.
• Conversely there was widespread acknowledgement by respondents that CSR was used by companies to appear more ethical than in reality (i.e. ‘greenwash’) and that the term had many conflicting meanings.
The research showed that respondents’ spending on CSR augmented products was constant throughout the recession although this contradicted previous research by Elkington (2004).

Respondents were not ‘anti-capitalist’ and actively wanted to engage and have a dialogue with companies on ethical issues which supported research by Ellen et al (2006).

The findings also showed that respondents accepted cause related marketing as an acceptable device in which to support ethical or societal needs.

Based on these results and analysis of the VBA and 7 C’s models, this paper will propose a new definition of CSR. The VBA and 7 C’s models are both inadequate as they semantically ‘tinkered’ with the construct without addressing fundamental issues such as consumers’ cynicism and confusion through the continued use of interpretive terminology that can be manipulated by organisations, and consumers’ mistrusted organisations to regulate themselves without an independent system of compliance. In response the Corporate Ethical Index (CEI) removes the banner or ‘umbrella’ approach and ceases to use the term CSR. It proposes separate silo’s of policies (such as carbon footprint and/or supply chain working conditions – see figure 1) which are externally audited and specific to each industrial sector. The notion of the index produces a numerical ‘score’ that is comparable with competing organisations within the same sector. The CEI score could be used effectively in marketing, become trusted by consumers and other stakeholders and lead to better socially responsible management and governance of organisations.

Figure 1: The Corporate Ethical Index construct of CSR.

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Did we change a rubbish habit? The effectiveness of a Community Based Social Marketing approach to increasing recycling behaviour

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Abstract:
The use of social marketing in promoting sustainability, although fairly well established in areas such as recycling, has recently received increasing attention. Jones et al, 2008 in a viewpoint piece suggest that the role of marketing in understanding and changing consumer behaviour and more generally in influencing attitudes and beliefs could be harnessed to move towards a more sustainable future. Defra in their Framework for Pro-Environmental Behaviours Report stated that ‘we have broadly followed a social marketing methodology, moving from the initial scoping through to more detailed consumer insight, segmentation and strategy’ (Defra, 2008). However, just how and where social marketing is used in interventions to encourage people to behave more sustainably varies, although all involve moving beyond awareness and conventional social communication strategies. Some approaches focus simply on targeted advertising campaigns ((Frame et al, 2007), others more commonly use market research to produce audience segmentation and deliver targeted communications campaigns (Defra, 2008; Barr 2006; Rose et al, 2007) and many have adopted the community based social marketing (CBSM) approach proposed by Doug McKenzie-Mohr and focused around identifying key barriers to change and working at the community level to effect that change (McKenzie-Mohr and Smith, 1999; Barr, 2006; Thomas, 2006).

NESTA in their Selling Sustainability Research Report (NESTA, 2008) suggested that the attraction of social marketing for policy makers in tackling the significant challenges of influencing people to behave and live more sustainably stems from an understanding that commercial marketing holds the greatest expertise in behavioural change. Many of the definitions of social marketing make reference to the use of commercial marketing tools and expertise adapted to address social goals (Hastings, 2007). However, NESTA comment on the lack of research investigating the use of social marketing for environmental issues, the key challenges and opportunities facing these campaigns and analysis of the outcomes. So can marketing promote recycling as a consumer behaviour as effectively as it can promote the consumption of the product that must be recycled (Peattie and Peattie, 2008).

This paper reflects on the outcomes from a social marketing approach taken in one local authority programme to encourage householders to increase their recycling and waste minimisation behaviours. Project Integra, the waste management cross-county partnership of local authorities in Hampshire, identified the need to improve the quality and quantity of recyclables captured. Awareness of waste management and recycling issues in Hampshire was already high (SEERA, 2003) and consequently they felt they had to do something more than a communications campaign to achieve this goal. The approach chosen was based conceptually on CBSM, drawing also on previous experience.

A number of CBSM elements were adopted in the strategy including carrying out research, audience segmentation, targeted communications and prompts, addressing the key barriers through service improvements, using pledges and attempting to set new social and behavioural norms for participation and action on waste. After initial market research and focus groups to explore attitudes and behaviours of residents, and barriers to recycling and waste minimisation, motivators and triggers to engagement and action, Project Integra undertook a ‘doorstepping programmes’ involving face-to-face interaction with the householder to determine and encourage their recycling behaviour. CBSM encourages personal contact to reinforce norms, and it was also used as an
opportunity to encourage residents to pledge to recycle more, as has been shown in other projects to increase the chances that they will actually then do so. The campaign also focused on two way communication programme with the public – not just a one way dissemination of messages. This was considered important to support people in behaviour lifestyle change – to provide feedback and reward, another CBSM principle. The research and segmentation was used to focus communications messages, although resource limitations did mean that opportunities to target different audience segments with different messages were limited.

Did it work? In terms of recycling performance it was successful. The project evaluation research, carried out after the first year of the ‘Recycle for Hampshire’ campaign that resulted from this behavioural change strategy, demonstrated a shift in recycling behaviour, an increase in normalisation of recycling and that most performance indicators showed targets were met or progressed towards (Thomas, 2006). However identifying what aspects of this multi-faceted approach were effective was not straightforward, as neither was the question of in what ways the adoption of the CBSM approach and social marketing methods contributed to this success. Through this case study, the paper will explore the application of social marketing approaches to encouraging recycling behaviours.

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The role of small independent retailers in building neighbourhood community

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Abstract:
Introduction
A long line of debate in the sociological and urban studies literature has argued that cohesion amongst residents is a key ingredient for healthy societies and communities (Hipp & Perrin, 2006). This debate has built on the social capital perspective developed by Putnam (2000) who argues that a sense of cohesion (or ‘connectedness’) is important for fostering an attachment to a larger community. However, during the latter part of the 20th century, Western societies have witnessed a decline in the public’s involvement in the life of their local communities (Putnam et al., 2003). This decline has resulted in communities, particularly urban communities and neighbourhoods, being perceived as less friendly and has impacted on the public’s perception of such areas as perhaps unfriendly places to live. Social cohesion and a sense of community spirit is an important area for maintaining healthy societies; indeed, issues of social cohesion and vitality in local neighbourhoods have long been informing the UK governments’ planning and social policies. The role played by retailers generally has been recognised as a vital element in the physical, social and economic health of local communities (Bennison & Hines, 2003).

This exploratory study uses the social cohesion and community perspectives from the sociological and urban studies literature to investigate the role of small neighbourhood shops in fostering community spirit, in urban areas. In the retail literature, Smith & Sparks (2000) examined the role of the small independent shop in Scotland, in both urban and rural areas, and have touched briefly on the role of community. Other studies have looked at the independent retail sector and its role as a social hub in fostering community in rural areas (e.g. Broadbridge & Calderwood, 2002; Byrom et al., 2003; Paddison & Calderwood, 2007), or the role of the village shop as a community hub (Kirby, 1982) or community retail enterprise (Calderwood & Davies, 2006), whilst Ploch & Schmidt (2004) have undertaken research about community pharmacies as good neighbours. This research builds on the small number of publications related to the social role of independent retailers, and seeks to extend current thinking about the role of small shops in fostering community spirit in urban and suburban areas of UK towns and cities.

Theoretical framework
Small shops particularly those in rural areas have an obvious community-centre role according to Smith & Sparks (2000); they state that small shops can provide the ‘economic glue’ for a village or location. Calderwood & Davies (2006), in their work on community retail enterprises in rural areas, state that such outlets are seen by the community as a means of re-establishing a sense of community, as somewhere to meet and talk. Likewise, Dennis et al. (2007) discuss the social benefits of shopping, and emphasise the role of shops as a meeting place for casual social interaction which includes casual conversation, and planned and unplanned meetings with other people.

Ploch & Schmidt (2004) writing about community pharmacies in UK and Germany, observed that closures of independent local pharmacies (owing to financial pressures) are a loss to neighbourhoods, not only of health care providers, but also of a vital hub of social exchange. The role of rural, small shops as a hub of social exchange is well documented. Can the same role apply in urban areas? Williams & Hubbard’s (2001) work on retail change and social exclusion, observed that car-less inner city residents have been disadvantaged (food-wise) by the tendency of retail multiples to seek locations on the outskirts of major towns; as a consequence, isolated corner shops
now provide the only local source of fresh fruit and vegetables. Arguably, this represents an opportunity for the owners of small shops in urban areas to enhance their normal role as shopkeepers, by promoting their shops as a meeting place. In the UK, many of those car-less residents will be retired older people, for whom the visit to the corner-shop may provide one of the few opportunities for social interaction.

**Methodology**

To develop an understanding on the views of owner/managers of independent shops about their neighbourhood community role, the study adopts a two-phased approach in which an interpretivist approach is adopted initially. Exploratory interviews will be held with owner managers of independent small shops in suburban areas of a large city, in the Midlands. A convenience sample of 10 respondents will be interviewed initially. Grounded methodology will used to analyse the interview data, utilising open coding to break the data into conceptual units (Strauss and Corbin, 2008). At the end of this stage of the research, categories will be developed in order to build a frame-work for the next quantitative stage of the research.

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Social marketing for tourism: a destination-based approach for encouraging sustainable tourist behaviour

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Climate change has important implications for tourism, especially as tourism is highly climate dependent but also in terms of the environmental impact of tourist activity. The UNWTO (2008) estimates that tourism and tourist activity accounts for 5% of global carbon dioxide emissions. Therefore this research will explore the relationships between tourism sustainability and behaviour change through adoption of social marketing techniques. Social marketing uses segmentation techniques to provide targeted behaviour change messages to specific elements of the population. (Andreasen, 2006; McKenzie-Mohr & Smith, 2008; French & Blair-Stevens, 2010) Therefore this research is aiming to uncover tourist segments that are most likely to be amenable to behaviour change messages. This will be embedded with a destination-marketing methodology, which will explore the differing barriers and motivations to sustainable tourist behaviour in two resorts in South West England. The final outcome of the research is intended to be an assessment of the potential for a destination-based social marketing approach to behaviour change amongst tourists whilst also exploring the viability of (re)branding resorts as sustainable tourist destinations.

It is proposed that there will be multi-method case study approach to this project. Firstly a survey of tourist behaviour in the study areas will be undertaken (the survey will be designed to gather demographic information, type of visitor (day or staying), transport information, location and type of accommodation, activities undertaken, purchases made and including information regarding pro-environmental behaviour undertaken in the home and holiday environment). Further information will be gathered to ascertain what the perceived motivations and barriers to sustainable tourist behaviour are, this will lead to segmentation analysis to identify potential groups for further analysis and targeting of behaviour change interventions (Barr et al, 2006; Defra, 2008).

The second stage will involve a series of in-depth interviews with selected questionnaire respondents exploring sustainability issues in greater detail. The third stage will involve a series of interviews with resort stakeholders in order to ascertain how sustainability can be addressed within the resort and to identify any potential barriers to behaviour change within the resort.

It is proposed that a series of interventions to encourage behaviour change will be designed, and implemented. These interventions will reflect the motivations and address the barriers to sustainable tourist behaviour as revealed in the research process. The final stage of the proposed research will assess the effectiveness of the social marketing intervention in terms of behaviour change.

Aim and Objectives
This aim of this research is to encourage destinations to adopt a social marketing driven approach to encouraging sustainable tourism, thus enabling resorts to effectively market themselves as innovative sustainable resorts. Such a social marketing strategy will also help them to develop new markets because of these product innovations and help create momentum for change in other resorts. The research also aims to explore the role social marketing can play in promoting travel mode choice amongst tourists. The research has the following objectives:-

1. To describe and explain the travel mode choices of tourists for their travel to and within specific destinations.
2. To identify the motivations and barriers to reducing private car use and the switch to both public transport and non-private travel.
3. To identify lifestyle groups using segmentation analysis and to explore the lifestyle aspirations, needs and expectations of these clusters.
4. To examine the potential for developing specific, destination-based social marketing strategies for changing travel behaviour of tourists

**Methodology**
The research will be based in two destinations in South West England (Weston-super-Mare and Minehead in Somerset). Both resorts attract large numbers of visitors both day and staying visitors. Weston-super-Mare is on a main line railway line and is easily accessed by road transport. Minehead is a smaller resort but visitors mainly visit the area by car and there a few public transport links (apart from local bus services).

For each of the case study areas the following methodological stages will be employed:

1. A large-scale resort based survey of visitors to investigate their travel behaviour to and within the destination. This will explore their motivations for using specific modes of travel and the barriers they encounter to changing travel modes. A critical distinction will also be made between those visiting friends and relatives (VFR) and those staying in commercial accommodation. A convenience sample of 200 questionnaires will be completed for each area.
2. From these data, a lifestyle/behaviour segmentation model will be developed to explore different clusters of visitors. This will be used as the basis for a series of in-depth interviews with individuals from each cluster. These interviews will provide valuable data on the needs, aspirations and lifestyle expectations of each cluster and assist in the development of social marketing strategies for each of the destinations.
3. In addition, in-depth interviews will be held with key stakeholders in each destination, including business owners, local leaders and policy makers to determine the potential for exploring a destination-based social marketing approach to behaviour change.
4. Finally a profile of segments from each destination and an appropriate marketing strategy will be developed to explore the opportunities for an approach to social marketing and destination branding.

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