

The stumbling blocks on the road to post colonial action research in a community setting

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This workshop has grown out of a series of observations and reflections on the application of action research principles within the community services sector, specifically the recognition that there are a range of tensions, barriers and stumbling blocks which can impact upon, halt or side track the action research process.

Participants who attend this workshop will learn about the application of action research principles in the context of two youth related projects, facilitated by Kildonan UnitingCare in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

Exploration of these two projects will lead participants into a process of reflecting on their own experiences and work with the application of action research principles and the tensions and barriers that they have witnessed and experienced; culminating in discussion wherein experiences are acknowledged and the possibilities for overcoming some of the stumbling blocks are shared.

Stream of Praxis: Decolonising praxis, including cross-cultural learning with indigenous and other peoples