

ALARA 9th Action Learning Action Research and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress



COLLABORATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE LEARNING
FOR A FAIRER WORLD: RHETORIC OR REALITY?

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONGRESS, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW LATER.

Conference dates: 4-7 November 2015

Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion,
South- Africa

Conference website will be up and running soon

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Accommodation is available at the conference venue

The theme of this conference is a challenge to action learning/action research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world. The ALARA World Congress 2015 will create a space for dialogue as we ponder questions such as:

- How do we know we are asking the right questions to promote sustainable learning?
- How do we capacitate people to address the intricate interplay of social, economic, political and cultural factors that combine to preserve injustice?
- How do we ensure authentic collaboration between stakeholders across all levels?
- How do we use AL/AR to forge innovative, sustainable responses to contemporary complex challenges?
- How do we know we are successful in mediating sustainable change?

In other words, as advocates of ALAR, what are we doing, why are we doing it and what has our doing done? Are we really making a difference where it is needed or is it empty rhetoric and wishful thinking?

The World Congress will thus create a learning opportunity for delegates to share, inspire each other to try new approaches and network with people to sustain their own learning as we strive to create a fairer world. The theme "Collaborative and sustainable learning for a fairer world: rhetoric or reality?" will be explored through symposia, paper presentations, poster presentations and workshops grouped into the following broad areas of interest:

Education contexts – higher education; school-based

Organisational development/workplace-based contexts

Community contexts – partnerships, health, welfare, advocacy

Technological innovations for AL/AR

Conserving the environment and resources

We also encourage novel approaches to symposia/workshops, using arts-based strategies such as dance, music, visual arts.