

**Plan for a Town Hall Meeting for presentation at 2019 ARNA in Montreal.
June 27, 2019: 10.25 -11.45am Montreal - 15.25 - 16.45 UK**

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Title - Come and join us in an exciting dialogue: ‘from action research to activism with a global community of Living Theory researchers.’

Overall aims – We wish to extend and deepen the global educational influences of action researchers who are focusing on activism with Living Theory research. The extending is focused on being accountable to living the value of global citizenship as fully as possible in explanations of educational influences in learning. The deepening is focused on developing the mutual understandings of researchers from different cultural contexts around the world.

Mutual understanding will emerge as the participants share their explanations of their educational influences in their own learning, in the learning of others and in the learning of the social formations (workplaces and institutions) that influence practice and understandings. The explanatory principles in the explanations will be focused on the values that participants use to give meaning and purpose to their lives and carry hope for the flourishing of humanity.

Structure –

- A. 10:25-10:45 **Jackie**: Large Group: Kick off; permission for videotaping
 - a. **Jackie**: Ask participants to introduce themselves to the group.
 - b. **Jackie**: Ask for prior knowledge of what is Living Theory (how it has changed their lives)
 - c. The group will engage with:
 - i) **Marie**: The living-posters of practitioner researchers at: <http://www.actionresearch.net/writings/posters/homepage020617.pdf>
sense of community you are coming to be part of - Facebook Living Theory research group
 - ii) **Marie**: The Educational Journal of Living Theories at: <https://ejolts.net>
 - iii) **Jack**: The Living Theory Wiki at: http://ejolts-wiki.mattrink.co.uk/index.php/Main_Page
- B. 10.45-11:05 - **Marie**: Large Group: International participants will be brought into the Town Hall meeting: Swaroop, Mairie/Catriona, Moira, Bruce, Sadruddin, Geitza, Mark
- C. 11:05-11:15 **Jackie**: Small Groups: Values exercise: In pairs: What really matters to you? 5 minutes each
- D. 11:15 - 11:20 **Jackie**: Large Group: A volunteer or two to share with large group. Permission to tape. Jack to videotape. If you started with “How might I

live my values more fully?” or “How might I improve my practice, what question might you want to follow in your research?”

E. 11:20- 11:35 **Jack:** Large Group: put up clip on screen; demo how use data from video- empathetic resonance

F. 11:35 - 11:45 **Jack:** Large Group: The Town Hall will conclude with sharing the nature of the conversations of the small groups with commitments to continuing the movement from action research to activism through this new community of action researchers. It may include:

- a) relational nature of the values’ nature of educational relationships in learning
- b) what is distinctive about living theory research
- c) realize what want to do for flourishing of humanity
- d) In moving from action research to activism, individual practitioner-researchers will share their explanations of educational influences in learning with their values of global citizenship and other values that carry hope for the flourishing of humanity, such as compassion, loving-kindness, justice and freedom.
- e) The strength of the commitment will be expressed and shared in the conversations.
- f) The explanations will be related to recent research on knowledge-democracy and an ecology of knowledges (Santos, 2014).

With participants’ permission, the educational conversation in the meeting will be video-taped and made available through YouTube, together with a report on the Town Hall meeting that will be designed to facilitate a continuing global conversation on living the values that carry hope for the flourishing of humanity and moving from action research to activism.