



## **COLLABORATIVE ACTION RESEARCH NETWORK STUDY DAY**

***Participation and Democratisation of Knowledge: New Convergences for Reconciliation with Action Research and Living Theory Research***

***4<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

**10.00 am- 4.00pm**

**Venue: Carers' Centre, Bath.**

The purpose of this study day is to prepare for the Global Assembly at the Action Research Network of the Americas (ARNA) conference in Cartagena on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with the theme 'Participation and Democratisation of Knowledge: New Convergences for Reconciliation.' The study day will explore extensions to the Town Hall Meeting convened by Jacqueline Delong at the 2015 ARNA conference in Toronto with the multi-media living-posters gathered and organised by Marie Huxtable in the UK and multi-screen SKYPE participations from action researchers from different countries including, Japan, South Africa, Canada, Columbia, India, Australia, China, Albania, Croatia, Ireland and the UK. It will also include Sonia Hutchison's networking at the 2015 ALARA conference in Johannesburg. The study day will be seeking to extend a collaborative community of practice that is influenced by Action Research, Self-study, Narrative, Autoethnography, and Living Theory research, in new convergences for reconciliation in participation and democratisation of knowledge.

Attendance is free.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be available.

### **Programme for the day**

**9.30 Arrival and Refreshments**

**10.00 Introduction to the day**

**10.15 Session One**

- i) Sharing questions of the kind, 'How do I improve what I am doing?' with a focus on the values being used by individuals to judge improvements. Facilitated by Sonia Hutchison
- ii) Pre-reading - Moira Laidlaw's paper: *How I am trying to lead the best possible life: Towards a more helpful framing of my practice*.  
Retrievable from <http://ejolts.net/node/261>
- iii) Pre-reading - ideas from Herbert Altrichter, Stephen Kemmis, Robin McTaggart and Ortrun Zuber-Skerritt on *Defining, Confining or Refining Action Research?* See – <http://www.actionresearch.net/writings/altrichteretalAR.pdf>

### **11.15 Session Two**

Presentations of a collection of living-posters (see the registration form for details) with a conversation on the relational meanings of 'I' and 'We' in 'I am because we are ~ we are because I am'. The conversation will be informed by African understandings of Ubuntu.

Our collection of living-posters (see the registration form below) will be gathered together before the study day so that participants can appreciate, on the day, the collective influence of sharing living-educational-theories with action-reflection cycles. This session will include issues of trustworthiness, reliability, rigour and validity.

### **12.15 Lunch**

### **1.00 Session Three**

Using a World Café approach, participants will be encouraged to identify and explore issues of personal and collective responsibility and accountability in engaging with issues of power and inequality in creating democratic social formations that influence our practices, understandings and well-being.

### **2.00 Session Four – 15 minute break after Session Four.**

- i) Distinguishing relationships between the methodologies of Action Research, Self-study, Autoethnography, and Narrative Enquiry and living-educational-theories, in contributing to Living Theory research as a social movement with values that carry hope for the flourishing of humanity
- ii) Drawing insights from theories that are influencing our practice and understandings in our collaborative action research enquiries.

### **3.15 - 4.00 Creating Futures**

An open conversation on present and future collaborative enquiries. This will include a conversation being developed with Yecid Ortega Paez on the influences of Critical Pedagogy, Neoliberalism and Knowledge Democracy in enhancing the flow of values and understandings that carry hope for the flourishing of humanity.

## Registration Form

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Any special dietary requirements?	<input type="text"/>		

Please send your living-poster to [marie\\_huxtable@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marie_huxtable@yahoo.co.uk)

For details on the creation of a living-poster see:

<http://www.actionresearch.net/writings/posters/homepage061115.pdf>

or the details below.

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\* email addresses will be included on the participant list which is issued to participants on the day. If you would prefer **NOT** to have your email address on this list, please tick this box

**Cancellation** : If you find you cannot attend, do let us know as soon as possible so we can offer your place to someone else. Many thanks

**Please return this form to Jack Whitehead:**  
[jack@actionresearch.net](mailto:jack@actionresearch.net)

If you have any questions about this Day or wish to discuss the programme, please contact Jack Whitehead as above.



**Collaborative Action Research Network**

**YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION ON THE CARN STUDY DAY  
ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 THROUGH YOUR LIVING-  
POSTER**

**You could create and contribute your living poster and encourage  
others to do the same by:**

- Creating and uploading a 2-3minute video-clip to YouTube of you communicating the essentials of your context, interests, research passions, practice and values as the explanatory principles and living standards of judgment to which you hold yourself accountable in your practice.
- Creating an attractive A4 poster including text and images, and the url to your YouTube video, which provides brief details of your: context; interests; the values that motivate you and give your life meaning and purpose; research passions; details of a few of your key publications; the url to your website if you have one and your contact details.
- Sending us two files of your living poster i) as a PDF and ii) in whatever programme you have used to create it e.g. WORD, Pages, PowerPoint. with 1-4 keywords that summarise the essence of what you are about to [jack@actionresearch.net](mailto:jack@actionresearch.net).
- You can learn more about Living Theory research and individual's living-theories by visiting <http://ejolts.net/> and <http://actionresearch.net/>

**CONTRIBUTING TO THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF  
CARN IN THE STUDY DAY ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF LIVING POSTERS AT

<http://www.actionresearch.net/writings/posters/homepage061115.pdf>

WERE GATHERED FROM PRACTITIONER RESEARCHERS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE ACTION RESEARCH NETWORK OF THE AMERICAS IN TORONTO ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015.

PLEASE SEND YOUR LIVING-POSTERS TO MARIE HUXTABLE AT:

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