

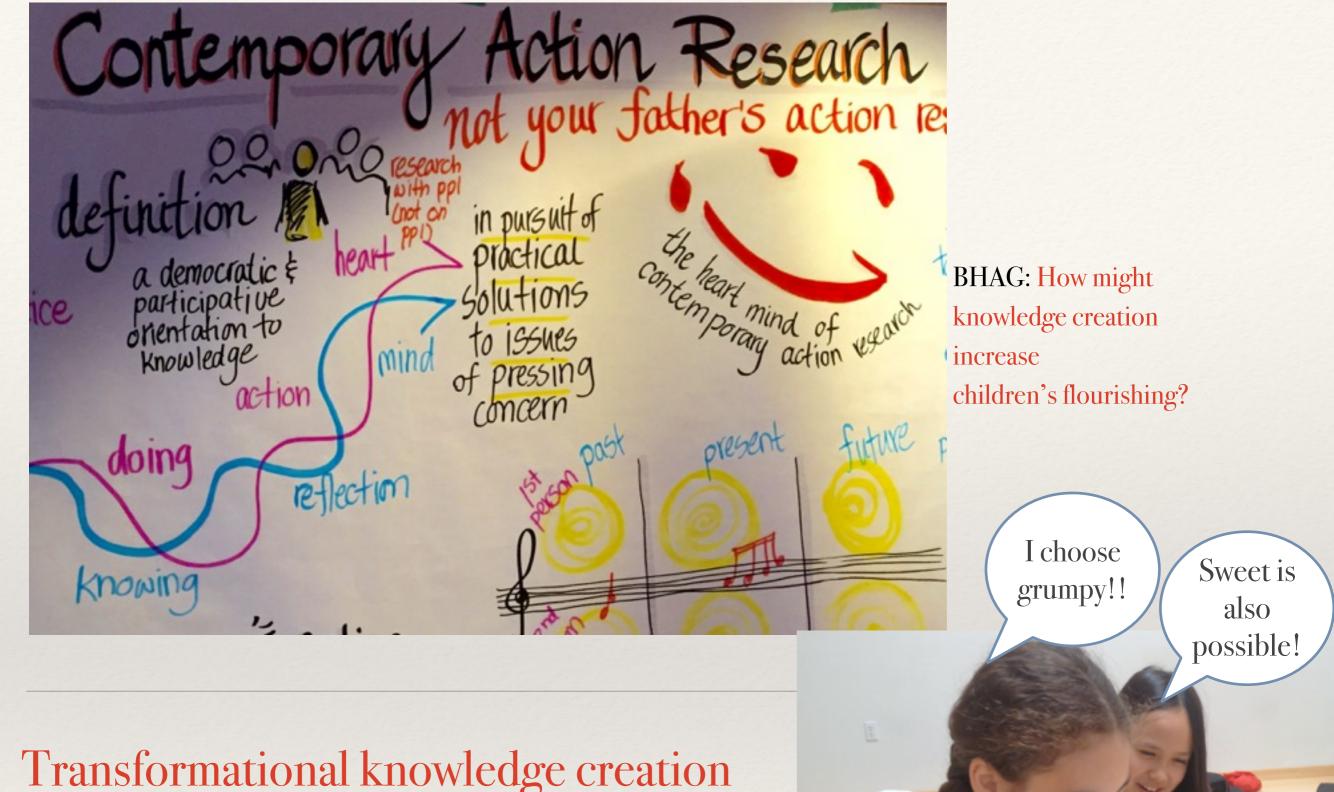
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Reintegrating
heart and mind:
Researching with, rather than
merely about, our children.

Investigación acción participativa Toward a transformational social science

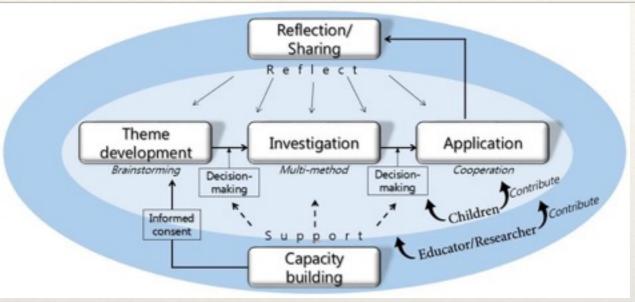


Transformational knowledge creation lies at the heart of creating the world we know is possible.



With early learners in Korea (Nah, 2015)

Data: Circle time recordings, educator journal, Kids' photos,



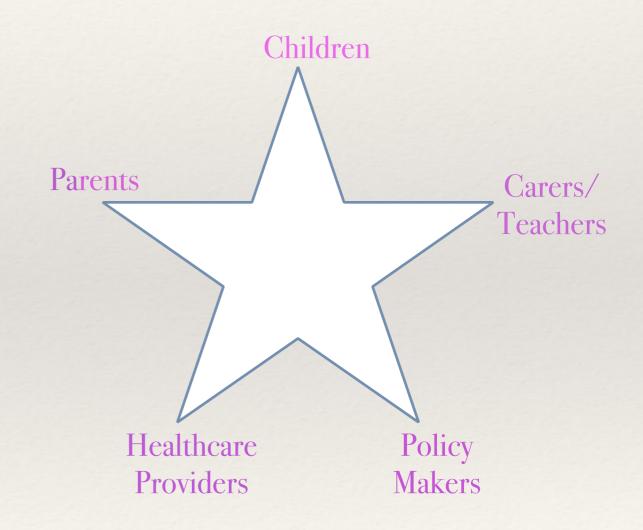
Ethics: Informed consent by kids (and parents)!

- 1 Educator + 25 children ages 5-6. Workplace childcare center in South Korea. A Confucian culture.
- Convention on the Rights of the Child. Under 8 years?!
- o 5 Phases: Consent, Capacity building, Find/emerge focus (circle), Investigate (photovoice), data cycles
- Circle time!
- An outdoor play structure.
- Director uses children's ratings for future policy and planning through network of centers.

Significance: The children became more assertive. Developed more negotiation skills! Educators dealt with their own prejudices.

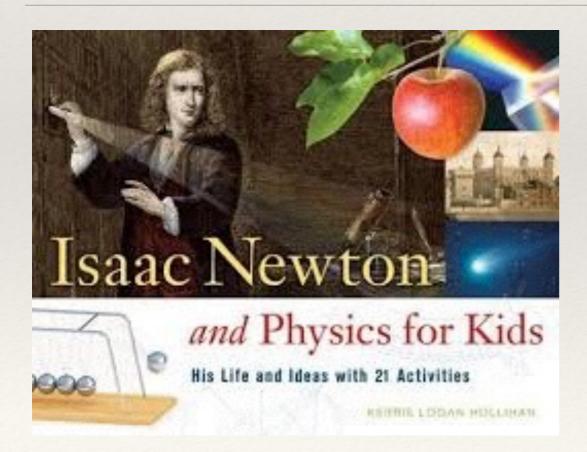
The primacy of the practical: AR and early learning

- Positive Interpersonal Skills
- Cognitive Growth & Maturity
- Positive Future Orientation
- Academic Proficiency
- Self-Efficacy
- Friendship Formation Across Diverse Groups
- Increased Voice
- Strengthens Teaching Practices
- Invites creative & artistic methods
- Develops reflexivity/self insight about how teaching maintains 'power-over'



Who made the conventional rules for knowledge creation?

Science as freedom?



Francis Bacon

- English
 Philosopher
- · Scientific method
- Inductive reasoning
- Believed "human power" could be used to "conquer nature in action"









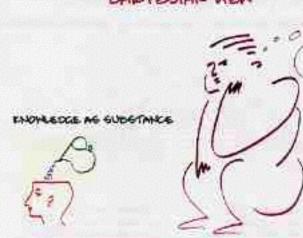
Knowledge became banking - Freire



theory is speculation!

CARTEGIAN VIEW

Science as conquest ragmatism count!

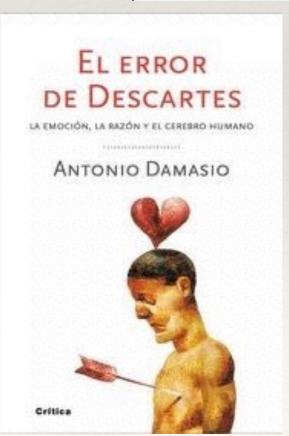


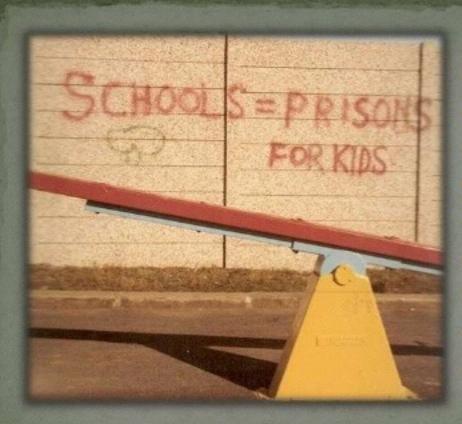
pedagogy as transfering knowle

School as training for prison

- Authoritarian structure
- Dress code
- Emphasis on silence and order
- Negative reinforcement
- Walk in lines
- Loss of individual automony
- Adbridged freedoms
- No input in decision making
- Set times enforced for walking, eating, etc.

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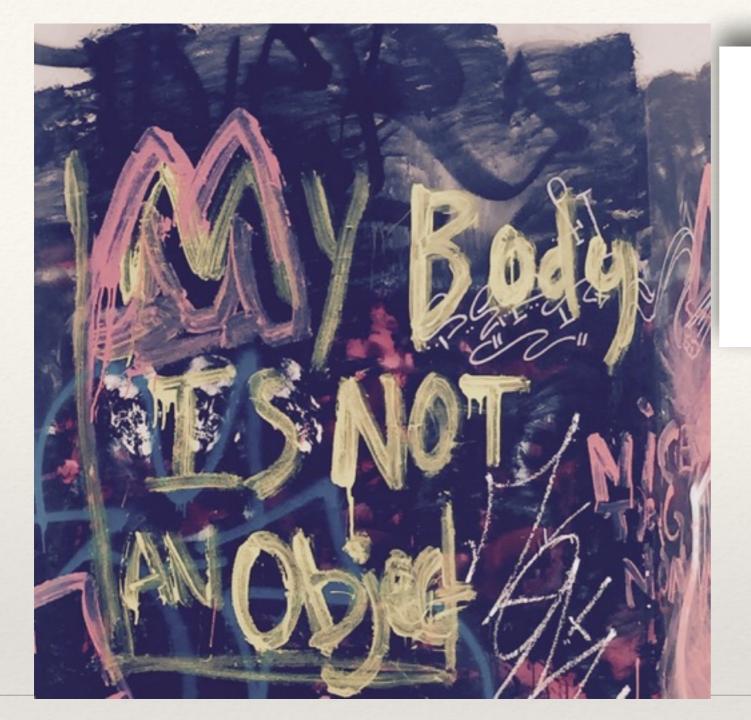
Action Research/Investigación Acción

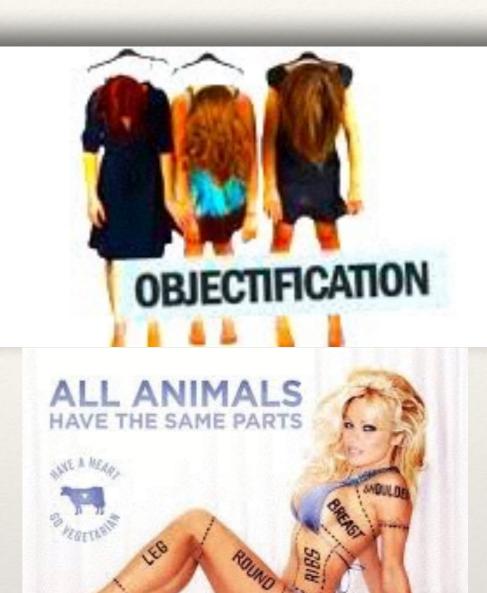
Action research fosters sustainable change.

Action research is a democratic and <u>participative</u> orientation to knowledge creation.

It brings together action <u>and</u> reflection, theory <u>and</u> practice, in the pursuit of practical solutions to issues of pressing concern. Action research is a pragmatic <u>co-creation</u> of knowing *with*, not *on*, people.

	ACTION RESEARCH	APPLIED RESEARCH	CONVENTIONAL RESEARCH
PURPOSE	Research "with" Helping	Research "for" Fixing	Research "on" Describing
POWER ORIENTATION	Embedded	Invited expert	External
STAKEHOLDERS	Problem co- definers	Clients	Subjects are sources of information
EVIDENCE	Dialogic, qual & quant, experi, emergent	Qualitative & Quantitative	Qualitative & Quantitative
	Re-Make the world -		Mirror the world





Objectivist Materialist Rationalist

Objectify: degrade to the status of a mere object;

Pamela Anderson PCTA

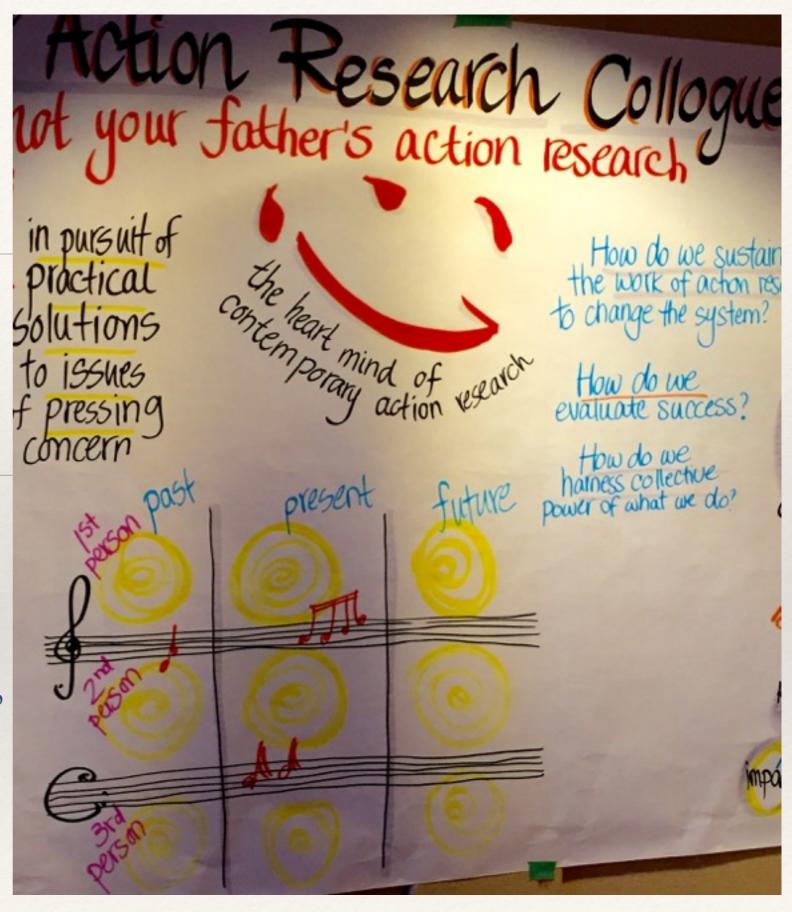
(A deeply sexist attitude that objectifies women.)



Moving beyond Cartesian error...

The heart-mind of contemporary action research

- Mindfulness & SystemsThinking
- Transformational Action,
 Experiential Learning
- Dialogue & Networks
- Poly-partial truths



Nancy Price (2014): Mindfulness with teachers

- Nancy Price, Ph.D., Dissertation
- Bringing mindfulness to everyday
 - Practices: meditation, self reflective journalling, Goethe-inspired practices for attention and love for students.
- Before and after surveys.
- Significance: <u>TamarackWaldorf.org</u>.
- Diverse student population supported with inhouse tuition assistance.



* Nancy created "talking circles" with teachers and students.

"We want compassion and communication when feelings of isolation can set in."

Ernie Stringer (2015): Reinventing schools "in the company of friends."

 Ernie Stringer, teacher, principal, author. In East Timor School system
 & Aboriginal peoples.

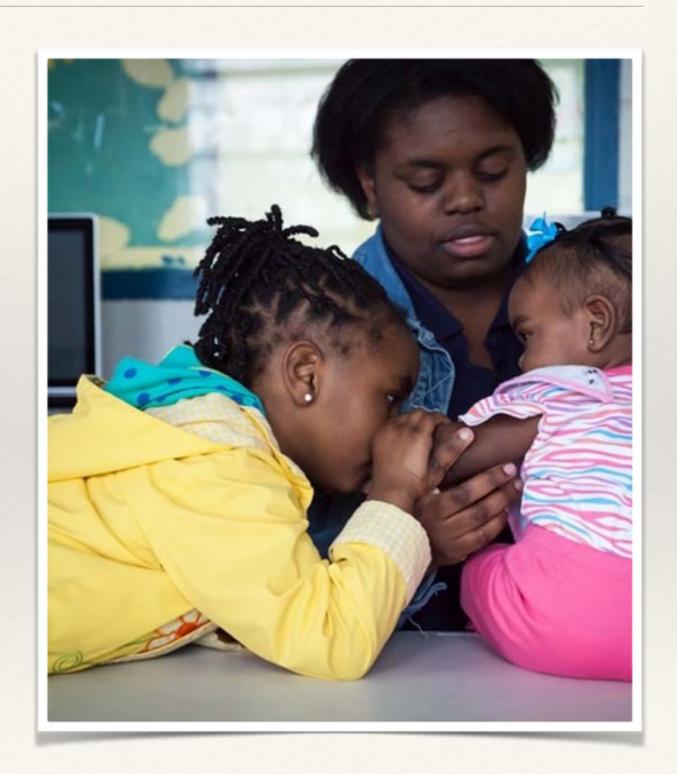


"Pride was evident in the eyes of our children as they saw their fathers, mothers, nanas and aunties at work." - participant.

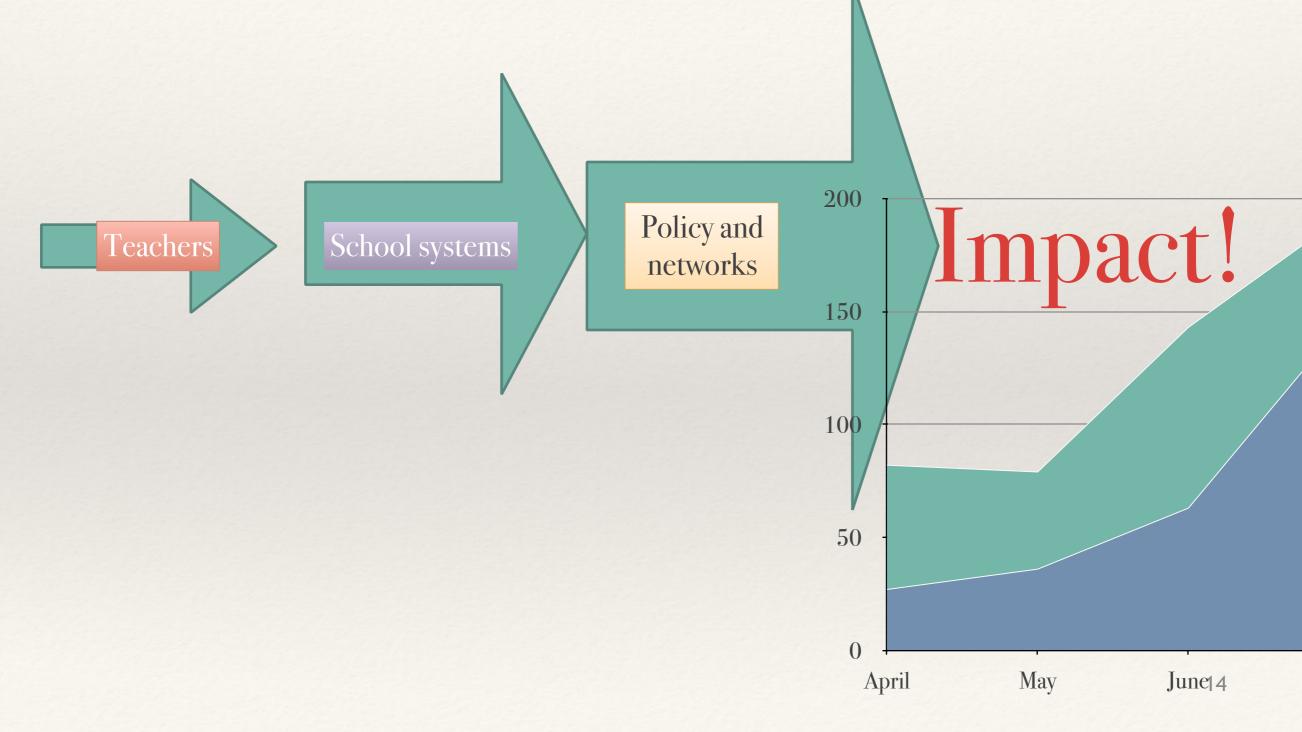
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Systems AR: Attachment as policy

- Attachment matters...at policy level!
 - In the US 87% of U.S. workers have NO access to any form of paid family leave
 - 20% of the highest earners have paid family leave
 - 5% of the bottom quartile

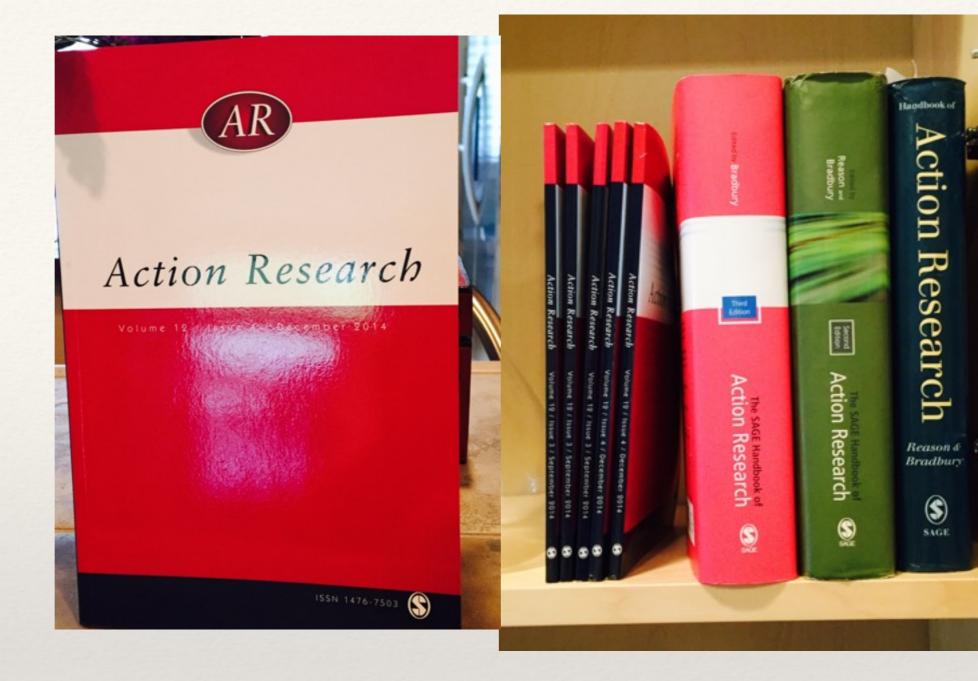


Integrating First, Second and Third Person Research/Practice



Action Research complements conventional science

Adding subjectivity and future orientation for practical outcomes.



Research with (not on)
 Including stakeholders (inter-subjectivity)
 Learning as action and reflection cycles
 Enhancing Community

- Action Research journal (SSCI)
- Since 2003.
- 5 year impact factor 1.0

Is this action research?! 7 Quality choice points for Action Research

- 1. Articulation of clear objectives
- 2. Evidence of partnership and participation
- 3. Contribution to theory-practice
- 4. Use of appropriate (qualitative/quantitative) methods
- 5. Actionability (network spread/"generalizability")
- 6. Reflexivity
- 7. Significance

Start with elements and continue to publication...

Action Research as Practices the heart of the matter!

First person "I"

Mindful reflection

Visioning

Second Person "We"

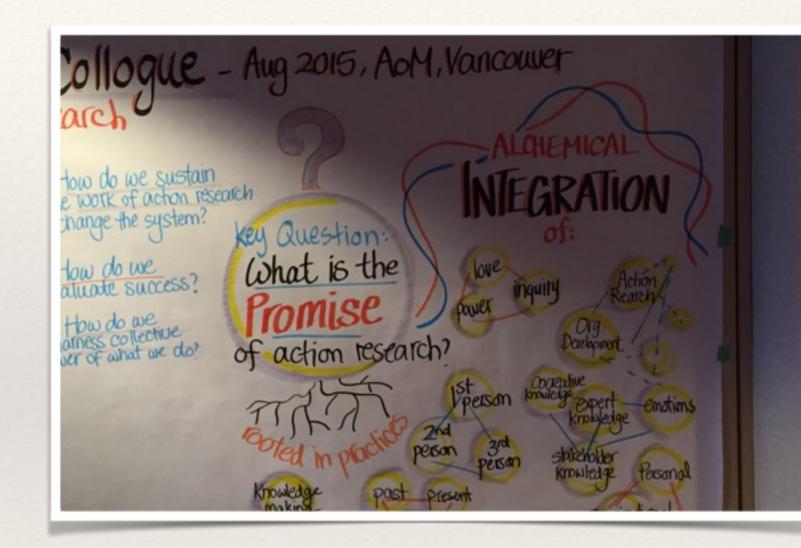
Photovoice

Dialogue Circle

Third person "They"

Empowerment evaluations

Social networks of experiments



Opportunity for 'double loop' inquiry: Emancipatory! Inquiry into assumptions

'Nonet' of action research practices based on Torbert & Chandler, 2005.

Knowledge Voice/Type	Past	Present	Future
First person "I"	Photovoice	"Presence" — mindfulness	Visioning the future
Second Person "we"	Learning histories ("how things came to be.")	Dialogue Circles	Pro action cafe
Third Person "they"	Metrics (measurement of the objective past)	Culture Diagnosis	Social networks experimentation

Transformational action research aims to integrate more than one voice

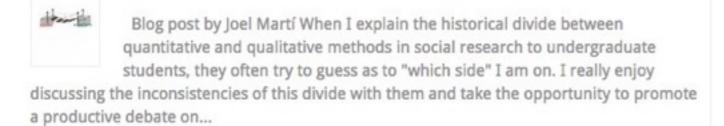


benefit of our patients. Both nurses and physicians viewed the co-creation and co-inquiry as...

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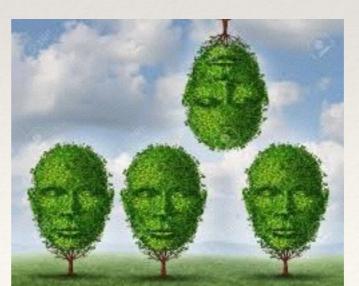
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Let's Practice ... '1-2-3-Set Free'

- 1. Mindfulness (with 4 breaths)
- 2. In my early learning context the change I want is ...
- 3. Key stakeholders are (names).
- 4. Useful AR practices/concept are...
- 5. Share with your neighbor.
- 6. Popcorn Plenary Q& A ...





now?