

## **Demonstrating the impact of participatory health research (PHR)**

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This workshop will be an opportunity for participants to discuss the issues and challenges of articulating impact in relation to PHR and become acquainted with current national/international work in this area.

The workshop will begin with a 10 minute presentation outlining the issues:

- research funders are increasingly concerned with demonstrating how their investments in research have made an impact.
- the formulation of the definition of impact has been driven by approaches that elevate the canons of positivistic enquiry, a conceptualisation does not reflect how, where or what types of change occur as a result of participatory research.
- there is a need to shape meaningful ways to judge the quality and impact of participatory research, and to report on this impact in ways that reflect its values, function, purpose and processes.

There will then be an open discussion about how these issues relate to the participant's practice using an Open Fish Bowl technique to engage the whole group in discussion (25 mins)

This will be followed by organised group work. There will be four groups, each group having the opportunity to read, critique and contribute to the drafting of one of four sections of a Position Paper on the Impact of PHR currently being developed by the International Collaboration for PHR.

These sections are currently loosely framed as:

- Defining impact
- Pathways to impact
- How we know we have impact
- What facilitates and what hinders achieving impact in PHR?

(40mins)

Lightning Round Feedback to the group (25 mins)

The contribution to this consultation exercise would be acknowledged as members of Fuse.