Reflections on Community-Based Research

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Journey Milestones

• Beginnings mid-1970s...formal degree & knowledge disconnect

• International Networking on Participatory Research 1978 onwards

• PRIA founded in 1982...”practice & promote Participatory Research as empowerment”

• AR, PR, RRA, PAR, PRA...alphabets or meanings?

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Moving Beyond Development Discourse

• Tools, methods, practices for designing programs 1986 onwards

• Recovery through PME...monitoring & evaluation 1990s

• Knowledge is power: Whose knowledge counts? For what?

• Questioning Monocultures of Science, Knowledge & Research...21st century
Knowledge Democracy

• Understanding the multiplicity of epistemologies... Open Science UNESCO Recommendations; click here for [Open Science Beyond Open Access: For and with communities](#)

• Respect for community knowledge cultures (distinct from academic knowledge culture)

• Place-based, contextual and actionable knowledge entails co-construction from framing the research question itself

• Multiple and holistic modes of enquiry thinking, feeling and acting as equally legitimate modes of knowing
• Theorizing from lived experiences implies respecting local cultures and languages

• Ethical practices go beyond formal, written pre-research consent protocols, partnerships

• Knowledge mobilization, translation and dissemination to multiple publics and stakeholders entails forms of communication beyond academic publications and conferences

• Ownership of knowledge is shared, storage and future uses are co-determined

Read – “Knowledge Democracy and Excellence in Engagement”
by
Rajesh Tandon, Wafa Singh, Darlene Clover and Budd Hall
Knowledge-for-Change

- Learning methodology in classroom and field
- Learning, practice and impacts inter-linked with community ‘researchers’
‘Unlearning’ by academically trained researchers to listen, trust and cooperate

Research funding & career systems need built-in diversity, flexibility, time and patience

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