International Perspective in Participatory Research

6 Week Online Course
Starting On 12 May 2020

10% early bird discount applicable till 2 May 2020!

Structure
- Module 1: Introduction to Participatory Research
  - Understanding conventional social science research & its limitations
  - Emergence of Participatory Research paradigm
  - Principles of Participatory Research
  - Steps in Participatory Research Design
  - Creating partnership in Participatory Research
- Module 2: Participatory Methods & Tools for Data Collection - I
  - Understanding data types
  - Selecting methods for data collection
  - Redefining conventional methods in participatory data collection
  - Participatory Learning and Action (PLA)
- Module 3: Participatory Methods & Tools for Data Collection - II
  - Other creative methods & tools for data collection: Participatory video; Forum theatre; Photo voice;
  - Popular education methods & tools: Dialogues; Conference; discussion; Public meetings, etc.
  - Facilitating Participatory Research methods & tools
  - Principles of data collection in Participatory Research
- Module 4: Participatory Methods of Analysing, Disseminating & Utilising Knowledge
  - Participatory methods & process of analysis
  - Participatory ways of disseminating knowledge
  - Multiple use of knowledge
  - Advantages & challenges of using Participatory Research methods

Rationale
Participatory Research (PR) is a set of multi-disciplinary approaches that share a core philosophy of inclusivity especially between the researchers and the community. It recognises the value of engaging the stakeholders, users, and beneficiaries; of the knowledge generated by the research study as partners in the entire research process. Over the last few decades’ interest in PR has increased across the development sector as well as academia because of its potential to bridge gaps between research and practice, addressing social justice and creating conditions for people to take control of their situation. Decision makers, advocates of marginalised populations, researchers and people in the community have questioned the social and cultural validity of studies conducted by researchers who know little about the people, culture, and context in which the research was done. To transform conditions that influence and change the lives of people requires collaboration between academic and nonacademic stakeholders. Engagement of the intended users, beneficiaries and stakeholders in the research process enhances commitment to using research findings to act to improve their existing condition.

This online course is aimed at improving the competence of conducting community-based participatory research by orienting the learners on theories and principles of participatory research, using participatory methods for data collection, data analysis and dissemination and some of the ways in which the research can be used to mobilise the community for taking collective action.

Objectives
- Appreciating the history, origin and trajectories of participatory research with an international perspective
- Developing a participatory research design in partnership with the community (focusing on identifying research questions, methods of data collection & analysis, and dissemination of findings for collective action and change)
- Developing skills for participatory methods of data collection & analysis and preparing strategies for using new research knowledge for collective action and change

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