Call for Contributions

Changing through Collaboration

The current state of the world confronts us with increasingly urgent problems of poverty, inequalities of wealth and power, environmental damage and climate change. War, terror, drought and hunger have compelled millions of people to flee their homes in search of safety and food. Even within wealthy economies, we see increasingly acute problems of homelessness, social exclusion and mental illness.

Yet, despite this bleakness, people are creating new ways to connect and collaborate to make changes for a better world: communities that reach out to welcome refugees; people creating neighbourhood regeneration schemes or challenging the persistence of empty properties in the face of homelessness; public servants finding new ways to connect micro-entrepreneurs with sources of new scientific knowledge; professionals in all kinds of sectors collaborating with other organization members, customers and communities to form genuine partnership working.

For the Action Research Colloquium 2019 we invite contributions that share ideas and experiences of working to make change through the collaboration encouraged by action research.

Within the colloquium we will group related contributions together for conversations that explore some of the distinctive challenges and dilemmas for action researchers, as well as for supervisors of action research. Sessions will have a chair and a discussant.

Submission Process
Submit an abstract or proposal of not more than 300 words.

You might find it useful to structure your 300-word submission proposal around the following questions, but don’t feel constrained by this:

- What is/was your context
- What was your role?

Contributions
Proposed contributions can be:
- papers for presentation
- workshops
- structured dialogue
• Who else was involved?
• What are/were you enquiring into? What were you trying to change?
• How did others shape the action taken?
• Where did power to influence direction lie?
• How did you encourage collaboration?
• What did you do when faced with dilemmas or challenges?

The intention is that contributors will use the opportunity to share the questions, anxieties, joys, tensions and contradictions that have been provoked for them as they seek to work with action research. Don’t feel you can only present clearly worked out resolutions. Early insights or simply descriptions of the sticky challenges experienced are also of interest.

Include names(s) and affiliations of authors beneath the Title

Submission abstracts for the colloquium should be submitted through the website to email address as: argireland@gmail.com by 7th April