



Action Research Group Ireland 7th Action Research Colloquium June 29th – 30th 2017

“Appreciating Action Research”

Overview

The 7th annual Action Research Colloquium on “Appreciating Action Research” is being held at University College Dublin on June 29th and 30th 2017.

The Action Research Colloquium provides a forum for practitioners, academic staff and researchers to meet and engage in conversations about their work. Building on the success of previous Colloquia, the format has a focus on sharing and exploring issues that arise when working with action research in the kinds of real world contexts within which researchers are engaged. The Colloquium brings together people from diverse fields including business, industry, tourism, education and healthcare.

The colloquium ethos is participative and the programme is structured to facilitate discussion and sharing of experiences in plenary and parallel sessions. It is designed as a two-day event which includes, for those interested, a *doctoral workshop* and a workshop on *Ethics in Action Research*. Additionally, the evening before the colloquium, a masterclass will be held.....

Who Would Benefit?

- Anyone considering undertaking action research.
- Action researchers undertaking real-world work-based projects
- Anyone contemplating the introduction of a change initiative (such as a quality initiative in their workplace)
- Doctoral and masters students undertaking action research
- Supervisors and mentors of action researchers

Draft Schedule

June 28 th	16.00-18.00	Masterclass
June 29 th	9.30-12.30	Pre-Colloquium Workshops (Optional)
June 29 th	13.30-17.30	Colloquium Day 1
June 29 th	18.30	Colloquium Dinner
June 30 th	9.00 - 16.00	Colloquium Day 2

Keynote Speakers



David Coghlan is a Professor Emeritus and Fellow Emeritus at the Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. He specializes in organization development and action research and is active in both communities internationally. He has published over 150 articles and book chapters. Recent books include: *Inside Organizations* (Sage, 2016), *Organizational Change and Strategy* (Routledge, 2016), *Doing Action Research in Your Own Organization* (4th ed. Sage, 2014), *Collaborative Strategic Improvement through Network Action Learning* (Edward Elgar, 2011). He is co-editor of *The Sage Encyclopedia of Action Research* (2014) and of the 4 volume sets *Fundamentals of Organization Development* (Sage, 2010) and *Action Research in Business & Management* (Sage, 2016). He serves on the editorial advisory boards of: *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, *Action Research*, *Action Learning: Research and Practice*, *Systemic Practice and Action Research*, *The OD Practitioner* among others.



Danielle Zandee is Professor of Sustainable Organizational Development at Nyenrode and one of the leaders of the Nyenrode Center for Sustainability. Danielle studies and facilitates organizational change processes that enable the emergence of sustainable enterprise. She designs and facilitates OD processes in which action learning and action research approaches are often combined with an appreciative stance. She also teaches about the dynamics of organizational change in Executive Education programs. Danielle explores how organizational settings can nurture the innovative and collaborative capacities that help create sustainable value for all stakeholders. Her research interests include dialogic approaches to OD, artful approaches to organizational design, dynamics of collective learning and inquiry and generative forms of action research. She has published about topics such as the philosophy and practice of Appreciative Inquiry, organizational discourse as a vehicle for institutional transformation, the theatrical rehearsal as a metaphor for organizational design and sustainable organizational development as generative process of play, poetry and provocation. Based on her work experience, Danielle is hopeful about the possibilities for a beneficial role of business in society.

Registration now open

Please register [here](#)

Registration Costs:

Event	Cost
Masterclass only	€35
Pre-colloquium workshop* only	€30
Colloquium (including optional workshops) - Early Bird Rate**	€80
Colloquium (including optional workshops)	€100
Dinner	€35

*If you are unable to attend the full Colloquium and would like to attend one of the Pre-Colloquium Workshops, you can register to attend the workshop only, at a cost of €30.

**The early bird rate applies to bookings before April 15th 2017.

Call for Papers

We invite submission of 300 word abstracts that present ideas, research outcomes or learning from practice, on themes related to *Appreciating Action Research*. Please see <http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/callforpapers.pdf> for details. Closing date for receipt of abstracts has been extended to 7 April 2017.

Details of Pre-colloquium workshops (Note: These workshops run in parallel)

Workshop 1: Doctoral Seminar

A pre-colloquium doctoral seminar will be held on Thursday 29th June from 9.30 to 12.00. **This seminar is restricted to registered doctoral students.** Intending participants should submit a **2-3 page abstract** of their doctoral work to actionresearch@ucd.ie. The abstract should also identify an issue, particular challenge or question that they wish to bring to the seminar and on which they will seek help. The seminar will be facilitated by Dr Mary Casey and Prof David Coghlan and other experienced faculty. Discussion will be guided by the issues that are raised in the submitted abstracts. Please submit abstracts by Friday June 10th 2017.



Intending participants should pre-register for the seminar by choosing **either** *Action Research Colloquium (inc Workshop 1-Doctoral Seminar)* or *Pre-Colloquium Workshop 1 ONLY - Doctoral Seminar* when registering.

Workshop 2: Ethics in Action Research

A workshop on ethics in action research will be held on Thursday 29th June from 9.30 to 12.00. The seminar will be facilitated by Prof. Mary Brydon-Miller and other experienced faculty. Mary Brydon-Miller is a Professor in the Educational Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development Department in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville. She is a participatory action researcher who conducts work in both school and community settings. Her recent scholarship focuses on the development of new frameworks for understanding research ethics in community settings. Intending participants should pre-register for the seminar by choosing **either** *Action Research Colloquium (inc Workshop 2 Methods in AR)* or *Pre-Colloquium Workshop 2 ONLY – Methods in AR* when registering.

Travel and Accommodation

<http://www.ucd.ie/gettingtucd.htm> has useful information on travelling to UCD
http://www.ucd.ie/maps/UCD_Map_2014.pdf provides a map of the campus. The Colloquium will be held in the UCD Science Centre with some pre-colloquium activities in the Health Sciences Centre.

<http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/> contains information on accommodation choices in the area.

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Or visit the colloquium website at <http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/>