USER FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE – PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR DATA COLLECTION IN COMMUNITY LEVEL EVALUATIONS

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Half day	All levels

The purpose of this workshop is to introduce evaluators to two easy to use, inclusive tools for data collection for evaluations involving identifiable groups of people, including vulnerable groups of people, and people with low literacy levels. These tools provide the opportunity for people to participate in evaluation without being intimidated and ensure open and transparent data collection because they are done in a public and communal manner.

The tools are the Ten Seed Technique (TST) and the Pocket Chart.

The TST involves people contributing to a discussion by using seeds to demonstrate their input to the topic. The end result is a consensus of all those participating.

The Pocket Chart allows for a private and personal response to an issue, and only the total responses are made know to those participating.

The workshop participants will learn about these alternative data collection tools to the individual or household survey and have the opportunity to participate in activities that use the TST and the Pocket Chart.

BIO

Dr. John Donnelly is a consultant and researcher primarily in the area of international development with particular focus on community/micro level development. His main interest and passion is that all aspects of community level development are owned by the community. John has worked extensively with community groups and project implementers to develop methodologies which ensure maximum participation by community members, using tools which are both user friendly and produce useful and reliable data.
As an evaluator John has written/published and presented extensively on issues of participation, knowledge ownership and ethics in evaluation. In 2010 he won the Australasian Evaluation Society's award for Excellence in Evaluation, Community Development.