

BUILDING YOUR CAPACITY FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FROM THE INDIGENOUS WORLD VIEW

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Half day	All levels
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Undertaking evaluation and research within the indigenous community is not an easy task. Therefore it is important to share knowledge and experience gained from this. The workshop will provide the opportunity for indigenous and non-indigenous researchers/evaluators to share and discuss their professional and personal experience and how they can build their capacity for research and evaluation.

The workshop will focus on knowledge and techniques based on the author's experience as an indigenous researcher/evaluator who worked with indigenous communities. Aspects of cultural practices, values and beliefs of the researched community are important. The workshop will discuss what constitutes the researcher's interaction with an indigenous community which allows capacity building to progress. The teaching and learning strategies will be based on indigenous research models.

The objectives of the workshop are for participants to understand the underlying issues for researchers/evaluators in building their capacity for working within indigenous communities and to address barriers that they encounter. The workshop will suit beginners with minimal experience to those with sound experience in such situations.

BIO

Aliitasi Tavila has worked extensively with the Pacific community through her work with Government departments and NGOs, including church organisations. Her wide experience of Pacific people's social and cultural issues has enhanced her knowledge of what elements of capacity building are relevant when researching with an indigenous community. Realising Aliitasi's leadership role as an Indigenous researcher she has held academic seminars and lectures to share her knowledge and experience gained from her own research including evaluation work with the Pacific and non-Pacific community. Her academic background includes social work and social science. She is a Postdoctoral Research fellow at the Health Services Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington.