

## **PARTICIPATION: A VITAL INGREDIENT FOR MEANINGFUL EVALUATION**

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Full day	Intermediate level
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Participation makes a significant difference to evaluation and its level of influence. The workshop will explore the theory underpinning participation together with the strengths and constraints of participatory practice in evaluation. We will discuss participation at the different stages of evaluation (design, implementation, data analysis, reporting and dissemination).

Using real life examples, three key approaches to participatory evaluation will be examined:

- Empowerment evaluation (Fetterman)
- Outcome Mapping (Earl, Carden, and Smutylo)
- Most Significant Change (Davies and Dart)

Common challenges in undertaking participatory evaluation will be highlighted, and solutions identified, drawing on participant experience. A framework for planning for participation in evaluation will be presented, with participants having an opportunity to apply it to their own work contexts.

The workshop will give participants

- an understanding of the role of participation in evaluation
- knowledge of how to apply a participatory methodology to an evaluation design
- an appreciation of the strengths and constraints of participatory evaluation practice
- an understanding of the appropriateness of using participation in different evaluation contexts.

The workshop is pitched at introductory to intermediate level. Participants should have some prior knowledge/experience of evaluation design and/or implementation.

### **BIO**

Dr. Ian Patrick is an evaluation consultant working in both Australia and developing countries. Ian is a Senior Fellow, Development Studies Program, University of Melbourne. Ian has worked across different sectors using participatory methods emphasising stakeholder participation in design and implementation of evaluations, and use of evaluation results. Ian was formerly Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser at the International NGO Training and Research Centre in Oxford, UK, and has facilitated courses and workshops in participatory evaluation in Europe and developing countries.

Tracey Delaney is an independent consultant specializing in design, monitoring and evaluation. She is a strong advocate of collaborative and empowerment approaches to evaluation as a means of facilitating organizational learning and program improvement. In particular, Tracey is recognised for her in-depth knowledge of the 'Most Significant Change technique' (MSC). Tracey is a skilled facilitator and trainer with strong communication skills. She has experience in facilitating broad stakeholder engagement through participatory processes and is well versed in developing and delivering workshops and training courses.