



Ethics and Knowledge Ownership

Presenter: John Donnelly, Donnelly Consultants

Date and Time: Wednesday 18th May, 2011 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Venue: VicHealth Seminar Room, Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street, Carlton South

Topic:

This topic will be focused on evaluations conducted in community development projects in particular, but not exclusively, in international development contexts. The ethics aspect relates to the appropriateness of the data collection methods used and the appropriation, or not, of the knowledge gained during the data collection in evaluation. It is my contention that too often methods used are inappropriate and intimidating and knowledge ownership is not acknowledged nor is the end use of that knowledge shared with the real owners - those who provided it.

Presenter:

John works as a freelance consultant, mostly, but again not exclusively, in international development. He is involved in all aspects of program and project development, from design through to evaluation with an emphasis on effective community ownership and monitoring from a strength based rather than a needs based approach. He has also been conducting AusAID funded research into the sustainability of micro/community level outcomes of international aid in the Pacific. John was also the 2010 winner of the AES award for excellence in evaluation-community development. He has a paper on a similar theme to this in the current Australasian Journal of Evaluation.

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