Can a ‘Community of Practice’ approach be used as a method to widen participant and inclusion of diverse communities in research?

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Abstract

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Inclusive Research

The concept of inclusive research was primarily used in the field of Learning Disabilities and was grounded in approaches that include the views of research participants. Advocates of Inclusive Research propose that it central premise is that those who have in the past so often been the mere objects of investigation themselves become the agents of their own transfiguration through inclusion and participation.

(Holt, Jeffries, Hull, & Power, 2019).

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The Road to EDIRA

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Where are you on the road?

Evaluation
Who is being excluded?

Consultation
Who are we being excluded from?

Participation
How can you widen participation?

Inclusion
When will inclusive practice begin?

Co-creation
Where will co-creation take place?

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Barriers to Inclusion

Initial outcomes from a pilot study:
Ethical approval from the University of Chester.
Findings of the study have formed the basis for the EDIRA conference question.

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Dr Sondra Butterworth from RareQol, a Associate Professor Dr Andrew Mitchell will co-chair our EDIRA conference.

Each Community Group will address a conference question.

The community groups will include
1. Moderators
2. Facilitator
3. Advocate
4. Sorbite

The outcomes of the conference will be written up into a conference paper.

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