

A set of simple and elegant

Principles for Robust Project Outcomes

Centre Nature

In all that we do.

The environment can no longer be regarded as 'outside' the realm of theoretical or applied research. Nature is 'oppressed' by the same thinking & structures that marginalize groups of humans. Honest reflection on where our boundaries lie can reveal the deep & lasting impact of our projects. The environment is a stakeholder. Its unique 'voice' & agency must be heard.

Be Gender Sensitive

This is vital.

When we overlook what is distinctive about women's experience, we can implicitly assume that their experience is unimportant and/or parallel to those of men. Non-gender specific language might not be the answer. It can conceal underlying oppressions & attitudes which remain unaddressed.

Your project here

Select appropriate method/ologies

To deal adequately with multiple diverse people, contexts and environments, be open to pluralism & tailor a responsive, creative approach to address multifarious problems. Pluralistic mixes of method/ologies requires practitioners to commit to communication and critical reflection.

Value the voices from the margins

When we genuinely seek to hear & gain insight from the perspective of others, our work is more likely to be relevant & locally responsive. This means being open to secondary stakeholders, beyond the immediate boundary & giving 'unconventional' data sources their appropriate interpretation & weighting.

Bring about social change

That is *desirable & sustainable*.

Make your work count.
Work in a manner that is responsive to needs & anchored in local context. Avoid practice &/or research methods that promote change 'down from above' or is led by outside 'experts'. Decontextualized & inappropriate practice is not sustainable. Lasting social change comes from the 'grassroots'.