



# Action Research Group Ireland

## 6th Action Research Colloquium 30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

### "Creating Conversations in Action Research"

#### Overview

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Action Research Colloquium on "Creating Conversations in Action Research" is being held at University College Dublin on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

The Action Research Colloquium provides a forum for practitioners, academic staff and researchers to meet and engage in conversations about their work. Building on the success of previous Colloquia the format has a focus on sharing and exploring issues that arise when working with action research in the kinds of real world contexts within which researchers are engaged. The Colloquium brings together people from diverse fields including business, industry, tourism, education and healthcare.

The colloquium ethos is participative and the idea of "creating conversations" is a core element of the event. The programme is structured to facilitate discussion and sharing experiences in plenary and parallel sessions. It is designed as a two-day event which includes, for those interested a doctoral workshop and a workshop on Methods to Enhance Conversations in Action Research.



The evening before the colloquium, Prof David Coghlan will hold a masterclass on *Doing Action Research in your Own Organisation*.

#### Who Would Benefit?

- Anyone considering undertaking action research.
- Action researchers undertaking real-world work-based projects
- Anyone contemplating the introduction of a change initiative (such as a quality initiative in their workplace)
- Doctoral and masters students undertaking action research
- Supervisors and mentors of action researchers

#### Draft Schedule

June 29 <sup>th</sup>	16.00-18.00	Masterclass
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-12.30	Pre-Colloquium Workshops (Optional)
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	13.30-17.30	Colloquium Day 1
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	Colloquium Dinner
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 – 13.30	Colloquium Day 2

## Keynote Speakers



**Prof David Coghlan** specializes in organisation development and action research and is active in both communities internationally. He is author of over 100 articles and book chapters. His major books include *Doing Action Research in Your Own Organization* (Sage, London, 4th edition, 2014) *Collaborative Strategic Improvement through Network Action Learning* (with Paul Coughlan, Edward Elgar, 2011) and co-editor of the *SAGE Encyclopedia of Action Research* (London, 2014). He is currently on the editorial advisory boards of: *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, *Action Research*, *Action Learning: Research and Practice*, *Systemic Practice and Action Research*, *The OD Practitioner* among others. Research interests comprise: developing a general empirical method in organisation development and action research; the philosophy of action learning and clinical inquiry; methodologies for insider action research; methodologies for learning networks.



**Dr Margaret Gearty** is a research fellow at the *Ashridge Centre for Action Research* in the UK and founder of the research consultancy *New Histories*. Over the past decade she has worked on the design and delivery of several large-scale action research projects that take a systemic view of sustainability-related issues like low carbon innovation and behaviour change. Margaret's approach is rooted in exploring how storytelling interwoven with participative processes can stimulate change and learning. She is recognised particularly for her work with *Learning History* having extended the approach to include systemic change and different forms of story. She has published a number of chapters and articles in the *Sage Encyclopaedia*, the *Handbook of Action Research* and the journal of *Management Learning* among others. She teaches on the action research based MSc in *Sustainability* and Doctoral programmes at *Ashridge Business School* and is co-director of the practically-oriented action research skills programme. She puts her combination of interests in the macro-system and micro-doing of action research down to her engineering background and life-long interest in philosophy. Her love of story comes of course from her Irish roots having grown up in County Longford.

## Registration

To Register please go to <http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/>

Registration Costs:

Event	Cost
Masterclass only	€30
Pre-colloquium workshop* only	€25
Colloquium (including optional workshops) - Early Bird Rate**	€80
Colloquium (including optional workshops) - Early Bird Rate** plus Masterclass	€105
Colloquium (including optional workshops)	€100
Colloquium (including optional workshops) plus Masterclass	€125
Dinner	€34

\*If you are unable to attend the full Colloquium and would like to attend one of the Pre-Colloquium Workshops, you can register to attend the workshop only at a cost of €25.

\*\*The early bird rate applies to bookings before April 15th

## Call for Papers

We invite submission of extended abstracts that present ideas, research outcomes or learning from practice, on themes related to *Creating Conversations in Action Research*. Please see <http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/> for details. Closing date for receipt of abstracts is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

## Details of Pre-colloquium workshops

### Workshop 1: Doctoral Seminar

A pre-colloquium doctoral seminar will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30 to 12.00. **This seminar is restricted to registered doctoral students.** Intending participants should pre-register for the seminar and submit a **2-3 page abstract** of their doctoral work to [actionresearch@ucd.ie](mailto:actionresearch@ucd.ie). The abstract should also identify an issue or question that they wish to bring to the seminar and on which they will seek help during the seminar. The seminar will be facilitated by Dr Mary Casey and Prof David Coghlan and other experienced faculty. Please submit abstracts by Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### Workshop 2: Methods to Enhance Conversations in Action Research

A workshop on methods to enhance conversations in action research will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30 to 12.00. Intending participants should pre-register for the seminar.



## Travel and Accommodation

<http://www.ucd.ie/gettingtoucd.htm> has useful information on travelling to UCD  
[http://www.ucd.ie/maps/UCD\\_Map\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ucd.ie/maps/UCD_Map_2014.pdf) provides a map of the campus. The Colloquium will be held in the UCD Science Centre with some pre-colloquium activities in the Health Sciences Centre.  
<http://www.argi.nmhs.ucd.ie/> contains useful information on accommodation choices in the area

## Contact for further information

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