

RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT: A SOLUTIONS-FOCUSED WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY AND OVERCOME CHALLENGES IN RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

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Background and aims:

This workshop will bring together co-creators of research, including people from universities and other research-focused institutions, alongside people engaged as partners, including people with lived/living experience, people from community orgs, and other research implementors and participants.

Description of workshop:

Through collaborative dialogue discussing anonymous examples of challenges of co-designed and co-created research, this workshop will assist with overcoming preconceived ideas about being engaged in research – either as a research participant or as a research implementor. Through a solutions-focused approach that incorporates the diverse perspectives of implementation and participation, this workshop will facilitate understanding about the different ways in which people work, including expectations, timelines, and limitations of funder constraints.

Methods and format:

The session will be delivered in small group format, with 1-2 facilitators at each table. Given the reflective style of the workshop, whereby participants will draw on their own experiences of research engagement, it is intended that people with newer *and* longer-term experiences of research be involved in the session. This will allow for greater depth of reflection and diversity of experiences with which to draw on to discuss challenges and solutions for working collaboratively.

Ideal number and type of delegate, how many people can the workshop accommodate and who is this workshop designed for?

The ideal number of delegates would be ~30 people, comprising people from all aspects of the research agenda (e.g., people with lived/living experience, academics, and the broader INHSU community).

Note: This workshop proposal has been discussed with INHSU's Community Committee where it received support as an important workshop for fostering understanding across research implementors, participants, and those engaged in co-design processes. The facilitators bring community and research expertise, enabling broad perspectives across stakeholders engaged in research projects and processes.

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