



Action Learning and Action Research for Sustainable and Inclusive Futures

29 - 30 September 2026 Melbourne, Australia

The Woodward Centre

Level 10 of the Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street in Carlton.

Action Learning and Action Research practitioners and researchers joining together to explore what is being done, and what needs to be done, to create a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable future.

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Programme

Day One – Tuesday 29 September 2026

		Main Conference Room	Break Out Room		Notes
Time	Presenter	Title			
08:45		Welcome Welcome to Country Your Fellow Practitioners			
09:30	John Hogan	The Research Circle: a key approach to learning for teachers and leaders for a re-generative and inclusive future	Anienie Veldsman	Designing Mahi Tahi Action Learning with Tertiary Students with Hidden Disabilities in Aotearoa New Zealand	
10:15		Morning Break			
10:40			Dominic Sim & Harpreet Kaur	The Impact on Microteaching on Confidence and Pedagogical Strength in Beginning Teachers	
11:25	Emmanuel Santos	Logos Dynamics: When the Problem is the Problem <i>Workshop</i>	M. Zamzam Fauzanafi	Sensory ethnography action research	
12:10		Lunch Break			
13:00	Akihiro Ogawa	Co-generating Sustainable and Inclusive Futures: Emerging Action Research from a Doctoral Seminar Community			
13:30	Bella Choo	An intersectional perspective on Action Research: Working with young disabled migrants in Australia			
14:00	Adoni Laguna-Alberdi	Literacy and voice: Understanding political participation in a First Nations community-led adult literacy campaign			

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14:30	Laura Gomez-Aurioles	One Camera, Many Worlds: Co-Creating 360° Video Narratives from Mexican Diasporic Dance in Melbourne to Havana's Sacred Practices	
15:00		Afternoon Break	
15:20	Jack Brady	Researchers can be disabled too: disability and democratic research design	
15:50	Ai Ming Chow	Centring the Curated Margins: Decolonial Borderwork in First Nations Art Markets	
16:20	Akina Mikami	Public service evaluators as Action Researchers: a reflection	
16:50	Akihiro Ogawa	Panel Wrap-up	
17:00		Close Day One	
17:15		ALAR Association Annual General Meeting	
18:30		Conference Dinner	

Day Two – Wednesday 30 September 2026

		Main Conference Room	Break Out Room		Notes
Time	Presenter	Title			
08:30		Welcome to Day Two Reflections on Day One			
09:00	Tracy Molloy, Sable Heke, Katie Bruffy & Leslie Ferkins	Te Arawhiti – Bridging Two Worlds: Advancing Te Tiriti-based Futures in Sport Governance – Exploring A 'Braided' Methodology	Ann Orejudos, Ganz Joya & Emmanuel Santos	Community Gardening as a Sustainable Intervention to Improve the Nutritional Status of Underweight Indigenous Children	
09:45	Imelda Smit	Guiding Novice Python Programmers to Navigate Learning to Code in an Era of Generative Artificial Intelligence	Mia Siscawati	Hear Our Voice: A Reflection from Rural Coastal Women's Field School in the East and North Kalimantan, Indonesia	
10:30		Morning Break			
11:00		Life Members and Experienced Practitioners Roundtable <i>A Q&A session for the audience to ask these highly experience practitioners</i>			
12:00		Lunch			
12:45	John Molineux	Design of the Flourish Movement mixed methods action learning intervention	Marcello Meneguello & Amber Moore	Through Diverse Lenses: Practice- based Reflections on Using Photography as a Learning Activity to Foster Dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion	
13:30	Michaela Fenakel Fiedelman & Yael Caplin	Learning Through Difficult Encounters: Actor-Based Simulation as Action Learning <i>This is an interactive online workshop. Please see comment below</i>	Yoland Wadsworth	Understanding what Yoland Wadsworth's transdisciplinary theory of action research as 'living systems inquiry' might offer <i>A Q&A small group roundtable</i>	

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15:00		Afternoon Break		
15:20	David Egardo Flores Duran & Tyson Miller	Conquering Knowledge: How Rationality Built the Present — and How We Can Loosen It	Bradley Parrish	Action mediation as pragmatist participation: inclusive energy innovation in a seaweed farming community in Indonesia
16:05			Runa Mulyasari	Action Mediation: Unpacking Methods for Working from Scratch with Island Women on Renewable Energy
16:50		Day Two Wrap-up and Farewell		
17:00		Close of Conference		

Workshop – *Learning Through Difficult Encounters: Actor-Based Simulation as Action Learning*

This is an interactive online workshop. All participants, including those physically present at the conference venue, should join individually from their own laptop and use headphones and a microphone. The workshop includes live simulation, plenary discussion, and Zoom breakout-room activities, so individual equipment is essential for full participation and a good experience for everyone.

Workshop – *Understanding what Yoland Wadsworth’s transdisciplinary theory of action research as ‘living systems inquiry’ might offer*

This session is a small group roundtable exploring participants’ questions regarding the assigned book for discussion.

Involving:

- **those who can attend face to face (to be able to get eye contact seated around the table),**
- **those who have questions about the the book, and**
- **after the author offers answers to the questions, those who would like to build on the answers to each other’s (participants’) questions.**

The session is particularly for those who have read the book and have questions or want to understand better its deeper significance. Copies of the 1st edition of the book will be available at the roundtable.