

EVALUATION AS A SOCIAL PRACTICE

Participatory	
Workshop title	Going deep on participatory and Collaborative Approaches to Evaluation (CAE)
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>We use the term CAE as an umbrella concept under which many specific approaches fall. After an introductory review, two streams of participatory evaluation -- practical and transformative -- will be differentiated. Consideration will be given to when to select CAE, before then discussing the recent contributions made by the COVE research team on developing principles to guide CAE. The rationale and justification for developing such principles will be presented, including a critique of some recent developments in the global evaluation community. We will then describe the development and implementation of a 3.5 year research project that provided an empirical basis for the development of principles. The main product of this work is the set of eight, validated evidence-based principles to guide CAE.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead an informed discussion about participatory evaluation practice. • Describe principles for CAE, including their interrelationships and potential applications. • Use the principles to reflect on and analyse their own experiences working with CAE. • Plan future collaborative projects using the principles as a guide. • Discuss options for potential field tests of the principles designed to add to our knowledge about participatory evaluation practices.