

Pūtahi Rangāhau Ngātahi

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Exploring theory of change in designing practice-relevant evaluations

8 March 2018
10am-1pm

Venue: Kohia Centre, 78 Epsom Ave
Faculty of Education and Social Work

Free parking Gate 2, 76 Epsom Ave ave

Cost: \$40 per person. Additional participants from the same organisation are \$20 per person. Morning tea will be served during the workshop. Please register using the link below.

This theory of change workshop will guide participants through a staged process created to involve stakeholders in program evaluation design. The process integrates empowerment, utilisation-focused, systems-thinking, evaluability assessment, and program theory-driven evaluation principles. The integrative approach has been used successfully with stakeholders in community organisations as a means to engender stakeholder empowerment through shared decision-making, organisational learning and deeper evaluative reasoning. Co-facilitation of the workshop by an academic evaluator and an evaluator in practice will provide different perspectives on the benefit of using a theory of change process to guide further evaluative questions. The step-by-step and interactive demonstration of the process is designed to enable participants to leave feeling confident that they can implement the approach within their own organisations.

The workshop is the second in a series to support practitioners wanting to do research in practice. A previous workshop on Practice Research Ethics took place in November 2017. Further workshops will be scheduled in 2018.



Dr Kelsey Deane is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work. Kelsey is interested in research that directly informs quality social and community service provision. She enjoys working in partnership with organisations to co-design programme evaluations, including theories of change, evaluability assessments and outcome evaluations. Kelsey has also been the recipient of the University of Auckland award for early career teaching excellence.



Julie Moore is the Research and Evaluation Manager at the Graeme Dingle Foundation. Julie has a long standing relationship with academic staff from the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work and works collaboratively with University of Auckland researchers on projects focusing on positive youth development and youth mentoring. Julie is also a member of the Centre of Community Research and Evaluation management board.

Registration:

<https://secure.education.auckland.ac.nz/eccscourses/browserrecord.php?action=browse&-recid=7636>

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