

# INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

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# PROJECT AND WEBSITE

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<https://www.indigenous.ncrm.ac.uk/about/>

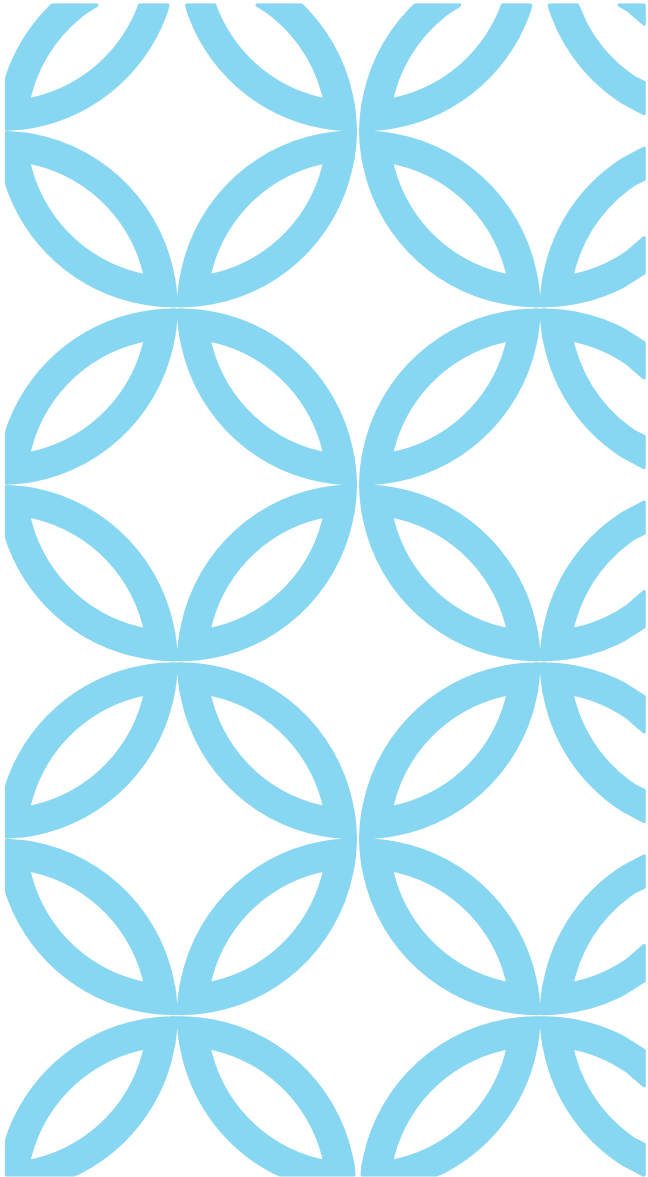
United Kingdom Research and Innovation international collaboration funding to the Economic and Social Research Council National Centre for Research Methods co directed by Ros Edwards <https://www.ncrm.ac.uk/>

Comic – coming soon – Olivia Hicks

Podcast – discussion of hints and tips for positive partnerships – Chris Garrington

Blogs about experiences of partnerships from team members





Pre-colonisation frame to indigenous knowledge denies or invalidates indigenous scientific knowledge

Indigenous people are portrayed as a problem that need to be solved by Western science; a vulnerable population that need to be protected; a deficit model without the ability for self determination

Legacies - truth and reconciliation processes have outed unethical research with indigenous populations

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# ISSUES

# POOR RESEARCH APPROACHES

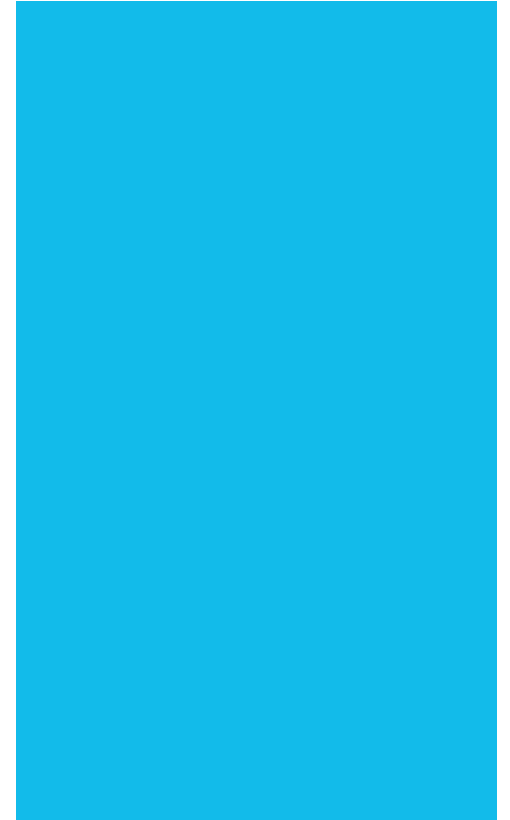
Cause harm

Waste money

How power is positioned and different knowledge systems determine design and quality of partnerships and research

Researchers don't know how to make themselves known – they don't know their own bias and privilege

Frame of reference is always Western, with an addition of indigenous knowledge. The frame needs to be indigenous first with the addition of Western approaches as 'the new stuff' – researchers need to be unsettled



# PARTNER SHIP APPROACHES

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Are an everyday issue for indigenous people but may be a new experience for non-indigenous partners

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Experience may be that non-indigenous partners get funding for projects that have not been funded for indigenous researchers

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Non-indigenous partners may not be able to fulfil the partnership as assumptions and positioning are problematic and anger communities (which is not shared)

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Indigenous partners can refuse the partnership – this comes as a surprise – ‘difficult and uncooperative’ indigenous groups rather than a problem with the non-indigenous partner

# WHAT PROMOT ES GOOD RESEARC H PARTNER SHIPS

A discussion of what good collaborations look like, how they start, evolve and lead to research that can benefit the groups of people or communities concerned.

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<https://www.indigenous.ncrm.ac.uk/resources/footprint-in-the-sand-a-discussion-on-indigenous-and-non-indigenous-research-methods/>



# ETHICS OF CARE RESEARCH MANIFESTO

(longer-term) responsive partnerships with communities;

enabling the participation of marginalised groups – researchers retain responsibility for enabling communities to voice dissatisfactions to inform directions for change;

participation from the multiple positions and identities that people inhabit in their lives, moving away from the bureaucratic compartmentalising approach –this is only possible by relational connection creating space for discussion and deliberation;

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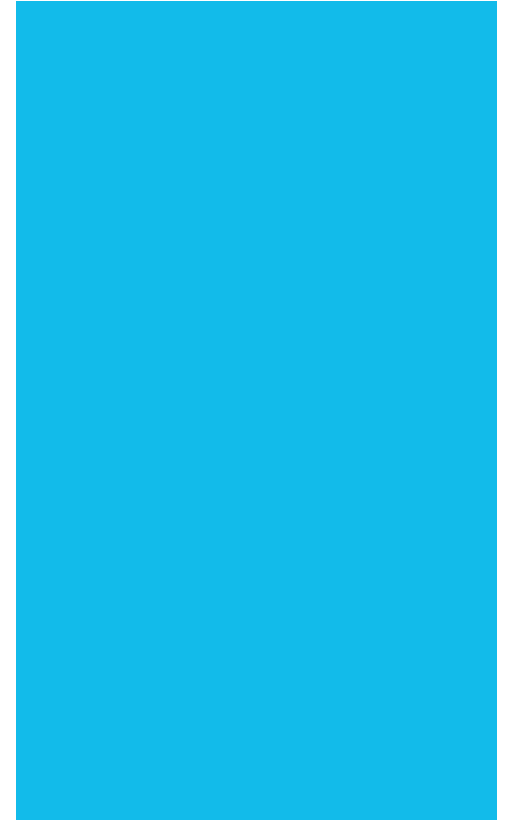
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careful research practices that consider the experience of participation and take the time to examine research practices with participants; and

identification of the need for locally produced action to achieve change that is co-negotiated with participants.

Inextricable interdependencies – the research relationship

Deliberative approaches for solidarity



Show love for future generations

Deb McGregor

FINAL THOUGHT

# THANKS

Resources:

Project website:

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National Centre for Research Methods website:

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# THIS PRESENTATION.

University of Toronto, Hart House 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3J9, Canada

**Session 11 (2 - 3:15 p.m.), Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**11.3. Panel Session: *Care and Practices of Liberation***  
**Music Room**

**Chair:** Sophie Bourgault, University of Ottawa

**Inge van Nistelrooij & Rodante van der Waal**, University of Humanistic Studies, The Netherlands, “Liberating the Pregnant Body’: Disempowerment and Disembodiment in Maternity Care.”

**Hee-Kang Kim**, Korea University, “Carism: Care Ethics as a Political Theory.”

**Tula Brannelly**, Bournemouth University, “Decolonising Research Methodologies through Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Partnerships: Care-Based Methodologies.”

**Joan Tronto**, University of Minnesota, “Decolonizing Global Care Chains.”

**Panel discussants:** Elena Pulcini, University of Florence, Sophie Bourgault, University of Ottawa, Merel Visse, University of Humanistic Studies.