



QUARTERLY EVENT

Practising change together

Towards appreciative and collaborative evaluation

5pm – 6.30pm, Thursday 12th September, 2019

British Council, Waverley Gate (4th floor), 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EG

With many people now working in conditions of social and organisational complexity, practitioners, commissioners and funders of public programmes are looking for different approaches to evaluation. As a response to traditional evaluation practices, **5th generation evaluation** seeks to strengthen working relations and the coordination of actions. It assumes that appreciative and challenging inquiry that is contextual, relational and open-minded will create better opportunities for change and development than critical testing, exposure, diagnoses, comparison, analyses and prescriptive conclusions. It may help to meet an appetite for more honest conversations about what new forms of developmental evaluative thinking can offer.

Cathy Sharp will facilitate this workshop, enabling you to contribute to emerging dialogues on the need for a model of **5th generation evaluation**. We will test a series of provocative propositions that may serve as navigation aids in this terrain. These provocations are a practical tool that could be used with any group seeking to establish a bespoke set of values and principles of how they wish to work together and how they wish to judge the quality of their work.

All are welcome – UKES member or not. We hope you will invite a colleague who is not an evaluation specialist along too. We will start with an opportunity to network and discuss your current evaluation work and challenges among peers

The event is free, but if you plan to attend, please let Helen know by Thursday 5th

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