

Summit 2013 PLIRC & (BC)PLAN

Keynote: Research as the Nexus

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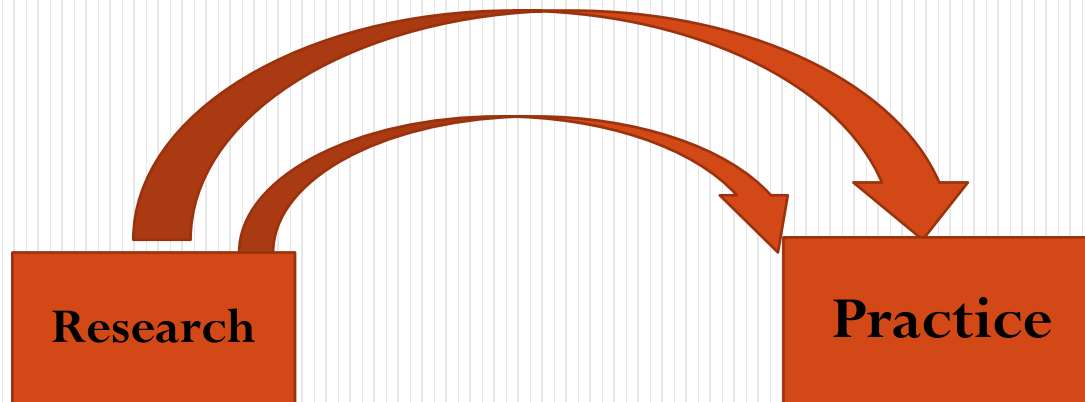
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Research as the Nexus

- 1. Relationships between research and practice**
- 2. Potential areas of research for (BC)PLAN**
- 3. PLIRC resources that can help**

1. Relationships between research and practice





Relationships between research and practice

Principle # 1

**Build practice on existing
research base**

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- **PLAR and workforce development in employment contexts – Oz, Scotland**
- **PLAR in relation to immigration and labour mobility and recognition of overseas qualifications – Canada and Sweden**
- **PLAR in the regulated professions – Canada and England**
- **PLAR and self-esteem – USA**
- **PLAR and equity – South Africa**

Relationships between research and practice

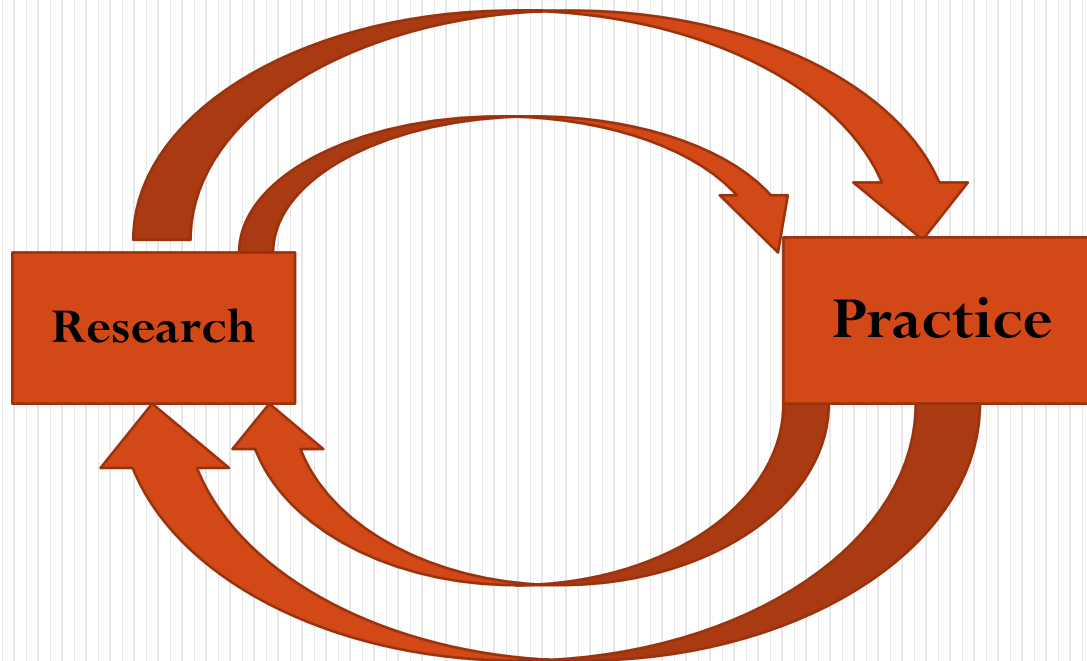
Principle # 1

Build practice on existing research base

Principle # 2

Let practice talk back to the research

Relationships between research and practice



FIFTH NORDIC CONFERENCE ON ADULT LEARNING

“A Theory of Practice”

A meeting point between theory and practice

- How does theory and research inspire practice?
- How does the practice of adult learning inspire research and theory building?



INSPIRES

ILLUMINATES

SUPPORTS

INVESTIGATES

EXPLORES

CATALYSES

INFLUENCES

INFORMS

IMPACTS

REDEFINES

CHALLENGES

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STIMULATES

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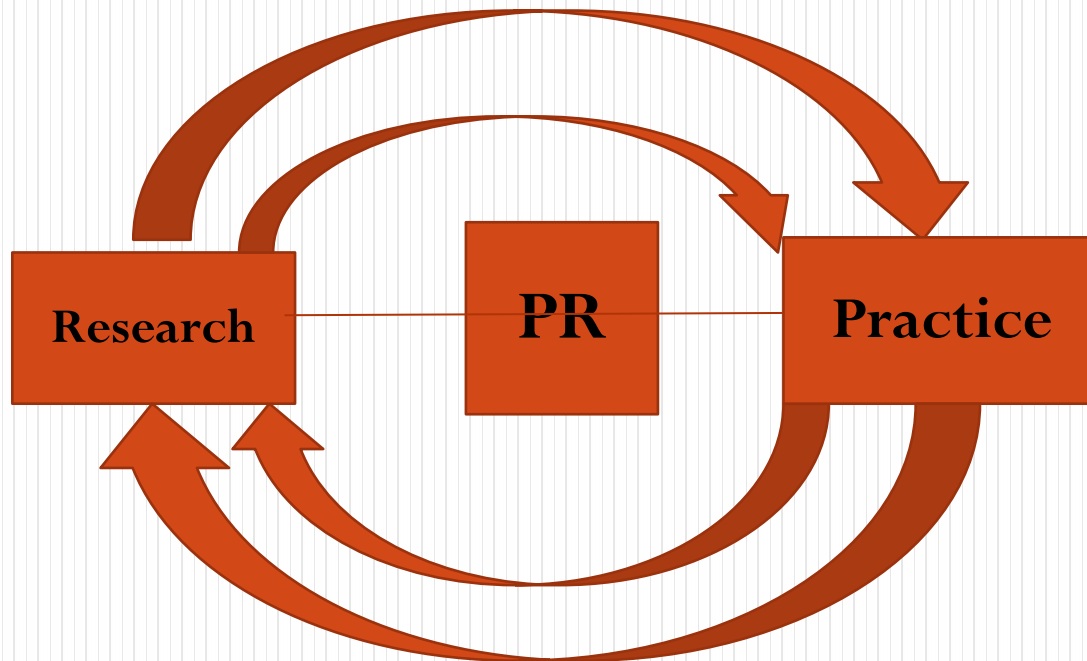
Principle # 3

Research and practice need each other

Principle # 4

Become practitioner-researchers

Relationships between research and practice



2. Potential areas of research for (BC)PLAN

1. Partnerships

- What and who drove the partnership?
- Who did what?
- How did different stakeholders and role-players respond?
- How was buy-in or consensus achieved? Or was it?
- Where were the synergies? Where were the divergences?
- What made a particular partnership work?
- Who got what out of it?
- What would you do differently next time?

2. Potential areas of research for (BC)PLAN

- 2. Strategies to influence the influencers**
- 3. Inserting PLAR in labour and industry policy, employer-based PLAR**
- 4. Training for particular stakeholders**
- 5. Career pathways that incorporate PLAR**
- 6. Working with specific labour market groups**
- 7. Integrating PLAR into employment services**

3. PLIRC resources that can help...

- **A database of research**

http://www.observal-net.eu/country_profiles

<http://www.observal-net.eu/homepage>

<http://ideasketch.tru.ca/>

- **SUNY-ESC journal PLAIO**

<http://www.plaio.org/index.php/home>

- **A new book – ‘Handbook of PLAR Research and Practice’?**

Research as the Nexus....

..... a resource for the development of a well-connected, well-informed growing PLAR research community, resulting in continuously evolving, improved practice and informed stakeholder communities.

PLIRC

**We look forward to working with you
towards these goals**