Insider Research and Reflective Practice: Getting Published: Extending an experiment in critical friendship

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Abstract

Purpose:

This aim of this working paper is to connect a community of scholarly practitioners who are passionate about insider researcher and who are willing to support each other in doing, writing and publishing this form of research.

Approach:

The paper is grounded in a conceptualization of knowledge creation as socially interactive, contingent and multi-faceted acknowledging that researchers and practitioners ‘frame’ research questions and findings in the light of their previous experience and tacit knowledge.

Research and practice implications:

To develop a plan for action to include: seeking sources of funding, collaborative publication and dissemination in order to release the potential of insider research and in doing contribute to a CHRD agenda.

Originality/value:

In presenting this paper we extend the potential of a ‘critical friend’ approach in order to connect and support insider researchers who wish to explore and progress the potential contribution of ‘actionable’ knowledge in both practice and scholarly domains.

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