

EducareM
ACTION RESEARCH
PROGRAMME



Action Research Development Group

First Thoughts

Name:

Focus Area:

Research/ Evaluation Focus

Include your aims.

What does the project involve?

Changes/ Teaching Materials / Time Scale etc.

Outcomes

What do you hope will be achieved?

How will you/ we know?

What methods can be used? What 'measures'/data will be needed as evidence? Who will supply the data?

Action Research Programme

Topic Area/ Working Title

This project has the support of the headteacher organisation in which the research is being undertaken

Signature

Date

Signature of Headteacher

Project Proposal: *(First ideas – for discussion with mentor)*

1. What is the area/topic of the research?

2. Aims: why do I want to research this area?

3. What exactly do I want to find out? [Question(s)]

4. What will be the benefit to me / the school / organisation / children / young people?

5. What kind of evidence do I need to address the research question(s)?
How will I evaluate the evidence?

6. Who/What will provide this evidence?

7. How will I collect the evidence? (Data collection)

8. How will I analyse the evidence?

9. How will I monitor progress on the project?

10. How will I disseminate my findings?

11. Who can act as my critical friend(s)/peer support?

12. What is my current knowledge base? What areas do I need to read more / learn more about?

Working Title:

2. Context

(Reasons for undertaking the project: may include reference to national / local context and policies).

Relevance to school / organisation plan(s) must be explicit.

The final part of this section should refer to any work in this area which has already taken place and state how this project relates to it.

3. Research question(s)

4. Data to be collected and methods to be used to monitor/evaluate the strategy.

5. Outcomes

(What changes/effects of your intervention do you wish to bring about?)

i.e. happen as a result of your actions : learning focused – your own, students, carers and parents, colleagues etc . depending on your targets.

6. Ethical Issues

7. Risk Assessment

8. Finance *(include resources needed)*

9. Peer Support

10. Key sources/ knowledge base

A timeline/development plan can be attached: **Agreed by Mentor**

Signature

Date

Final Report

1. Title of Study:

2 Brief description of the school/organisation

This should include phase/Key Stages, size, gender and reference to socio-economic background of the students/ethnicity/languages spoken etc. Then indicate the teacher(s) / action researcher(s) involved and the nature of the group you worked with.

3 Aim(s) of the project

What did you intend to do and achieve?

4 Intended Outcomes

5 Project Context

You should refer briefly to national drives/context, the local (city) context and in particular the relevance to the / organisation in which you carried out the project.

6. The Project

Give a short account of what took place, who did what etc. – mention selecting the participants / information gathered including methods used. Include reference to ethical considerations, use of peer support.

7. Findings

Present and discuss the results/outcomes of your study, referring to the intended outcomes and also noting any unintended outcomes. Refer to any factors which helped/hindered your project. Provide evidence on which you base your findings and then a brief summary of your conclusions.

8 Evaluation of the research project

This should be a reflection on your whole project, the process and the results. Refer to the use you made of peer support.

8a Personal and Professional learning resulting from the Project

8b Impact on the school / organisation (staff / pupils / others)

(You may conclude this section by a general comment about overall benefits.)

9. Dissemination

Briefly state how you have disseminated findings – and any feedback you have had.

10. Future Developments

Do you intend to follow this up with further A-R? What action will be taken by you / the school as a result of your project?.

11. Contact name/details

For anyone wishing to find out more about this project.

12. Suggested Reading

(You might refer to sources you found useful when preparing for or during the project.)



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