

Self-evaluation

Illusions, confusions, solutions and fusions

Target group

Evaluation commissioners; evaluation practitioners; staff within organisations delivering interventions with a responsibility for evaluation

Course overview

Self evaluation is gaining acceptance as an approach to evaluation in some circumstances. This growing acceptance is due to a variety of contextual factors including the under-utilisation of external evaluations and dwindling resources available to commission external evaluations. But what are the circumstances in which this shift in the culture of evaluation can deliver on the promise of self-evaluation? This course will explore:

- the benefits and drawbacks of using self evaluation
- best practice in implanting self-evaluation
- when and where is self-evaluation the right approach?

The course will cover how to harness the best aspects of self-evaluation and independent evaluation, and the role of the evaluation facilitator in this process. A fusion of self- and independent evaluation will be presented, which incorporates empowerment evaluation and action research.

Course management

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Course facilitator

The course will be facilitated by Mark Bitel, Senior Evaluation Consultant at Partners in Evaluation, UK. Mark has post-graduate degrees in Sociology (MA with distinction) and Research & Evaluation (MSc). He is a seasoned evaluation practitioner with 15 years of experience in the evaluation of health, social care, education, urban regeneration, restorative justice and social inclusion initiatives. Mark has run evaluation courses across the UK, Norway, Portugal and Bulgaria. He is currently the Immediate Past President of the UK Evaluation Society.

Dates

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