

Online Networking Event – IDCC & RDI Network

AGENDA

Date & Time: Wednesday 16 September 2020 4pm – 5:30pm (AEST)

Venue: Online via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed on the morning of the event.

Access: Access to stable internet, and a smart device and/or computer with a microphone and video camera will provide the most optimum experience.

NOTE: Please download the Zoom app **before** the event. For accessible instructions on how to use and download Zoom, please see <https://ourplace.wwda.org.au/resources/zoom-meetings>

Topic: Evidence-based Practice: What's Next?

In a post COVID-19 world, budgets are tighter, grants and consultancies are (even) more competitive. The pressure to demonstrate 'real-world impact' and 'reach' is at odds with real-life time pressures and budget lines.

In policy, *Partnerships for Recovery* is committed to "monitoring, evaluation, research, learning and adaptation (MERLA)".

So how can independent consultants, contractors, and practitioners time-efficiently deliver evidence-based practice, communicate research (and M&E findings) more effectively, and address any skills gap in research communication?

Agenda:	4pm	Commencement, Housekeeping & Acknowledgements
	4.05pm	Facilitated Introductions: 5 connections in 10mins
	4.20pm	Hot Take Lightning Round: 4 speakers in 15mins
	4.40pm	Breakout Room Activity #1: The Scorecard on Research Development
	4.55pm	Breakout Room Activity #2: Learning Circle / Peer Consultation
	5.10pm	Plenary discussion; Q&A
	5.30pm	Event Close & Networking Email Out

Event Chair: Dr. Bernadette Whitelum, CEO & Founder of The Whitelum Group

Guest Speakers:

- Lavinia Tyrrel, Practice Manager and Deputy Technical Lead, Governance and Development Practice from Abt Associates addressing the 'Learning & Adaptation' category in Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning and Adaptation (MERLA)
- Sahar Mohy-Ud-Din, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and Managing Director of RADAF: Research and Development Africa on communicating research and evaluation impact effectively

- Whitney Yip, RDI Network Communication Coordinator on acknowledging the knowledge and skills gap in research communication, uptake and use in the sector
- David Goodwins, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and independent consultant on the use and integration of mixed methods for efficient and cost-effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

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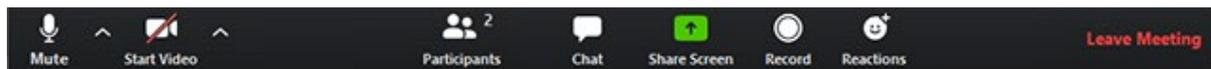
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Share screen / Whiteboard function: Start a screen share down at the bottom of your screen and choose the Whiteboard function. All those in your group should be able to write on the whiteboard together.

Breakout rooms: Breakout rooms allow us to split Zoom attendees into separate smaller groups. These separate sessions will begin automatically, and hosts will notify you of the change.

Networking Online:

Speed-dating Style. This is a new way of hosting online networking events for us too. So, to facilitate networking in an online event, we will match up interested parties and forward through an introduction email with both parties contact details. To be able to participate in this, you will need to consent to your contact details being distributed to attendees.