Two perspectives on a postgraduate module in community-based research in Dublin Institute of Technology

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Abstract:
This paper will share our learning, as community partner and lecturer, from the ‘Foundations in Community-based research’ module on the MA in Public Relations in DIT. We will begin by setting the academic context for the module, outlining the DIT Programme for Students Learning With Communities’s thinking on developing and delivering this module, and its format and structure, in this its second year of delivery, jointly run with the DIT School of Media. We will then outline the community partner’s context, including Enable Ireland’s previous involvement with DIT on collaborative projects, and their thinking behind their involvement in this module. We will then give both our perspectives on the processes and outcomes of the CBR module this year, concluding with recommendations based on the lessons we have learned together, and our plans to improve the module again for its third run. This presentation will be of interest to community partners considering involvement with students in such a module, and to academic staff from any discipline who are thinking about facilitating students in building an understanding of CBR.