

**Development Studies Association Gender Policy and Practice Study Group
With International Gender Studies Centre (IGS)**

Co-convenors: Fenella Porter and Tina Wallace (IGS and DSA-GADPP Study Group)

Workshop on Feminist Research in Development: methods, findings and who is listening?

Tuesday April 4th 10-1pm. Coffee from 9.30

**Venue: Old Library, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University
(Address is Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6QA)**

We are bringing together NGO staff, researchers and activists in development, to talk about how to listen to and work with women using feminist research approaches in development. Speakers will share their own experiences of doing feminist research, which challenged the dominant assumptions and paradigms around women's participation, voice and agency in development work, and how that work is then analysed and shared, and what happens when it reaches development organisations.

- How easy is it for women to speak out?
- Can we listen to them well?
- What skills are needed and what are the barriers?
- How do we understand their concerns and ideas and how do we share sometimes challenging views and experiences?
- How can we use feminist research in development organisations to engage and work with women on issues important to them?
- How can we 'package' feminist research in developing tools and methodologies for advocacy and programming in development?

Speakers:

- Fenella Porter/Tina Wallace, Using feminist principles in development research: how possible, how different, and who is listening?
- Karen Murphy and Deirdre Ni Cheallaigh (Trócaire) – Doing and using women's empowerment research in a development organisation: the experience of Trócaire
- Lee Webster (Womankind Worldwide) – Using feminist research on women's participation and what it means for advocacy and campaigns: challenging assumptions and changing the way we work
- Nikki van der Gaag (Oxfam) - overview of Oxfam's work on women's participation and empowerment, including insights into the 'Raising her Voice' programme
- A speaker from Gender and Development Network will share the work of their participation learning group

We will ensure that there is adequate time for reflection, sharing and discussion in discussion groups. We welcome your ideas, experiences and insights.

We look forward to seeing you there!