

Rural Health Seminar Series 2019

Listen to us, involve us and act on what we tell you! Learning from efforts to engage young people as partners and practitioners in research

Presented by: Dr Sarah Bernays

Thursday 28 November 2019, 12: 30 pm – 1:30pm

Lecture Theatre, University Centre for Rural Health

61 Uralba St, Lismore (opposite Lismore Base Hospital)

To ensure that health policies and services are meeting the needs of adolescents, young people must be involved in their development and implementation. Meaningful engagement and inclusion of young people in research, not only as participants but as developers and practitioners of research, remains rare. Sarah will reflect on the learning from an ongoing programme of participatory research with young people in resource-stretched settings, in which we are developing a range of approaches to include young people as central players across the spectrum of research activities: from being researchers themselves; to shaping the design and delivery of research; as well as co-designing interventions and leading innovative dissemination of evidence.

Bio: Sarah Bernays has been listening to and collaborating with communities affected by HIV for twenty years, since she first worked as a secondary school teacher in Uganda. She is a medical anthropologist by training and has developed a programme of qualitative research focused on addressing the psychosocial support needs of young people affected by HIV. A consistent thread in her work is considering how to strengthen participatory approaches to include young people in research about them, as well as conducting ongoing capacity building and training on doing effective qualitative research. She is currently the lead social scientist in a number of large adolescent health trials in Africa, as well as on studies in South-East Asia and Europe.



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