



Our vision is that action learning, action research and related processes and approaches are widely used and publicly shared by individuals and groups creating local and global change for the achievement of a more equitable, just, joyful, productive, peaceful and sustainable society

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From the President

ALARA has had a busy start to the year, with many projects underway. News of the 2012 Conference, the next Journal, another Monograph and several other publications are some of the work that has been keeping us occupied.

Following the signing of an agreement with EBSCO to include the *Action Learning, Action Research Journal* in their database, ALARA has now signed a similar agreement with INFORMIT, the RMIT Publishing research database. We are in the process of sending re-saved versions of the Journal (to reduce their file size) to these two organisations, so that they can catalogue and list the Journal.

We are now in discussions with another organisation that will allow Print on Demand for ALARA's publications. These arrangements will allow members and non-members to receive a printed copy of the publications we list with the organisation. We have taken this step to support our move to electronic versions of the publications. We will have more about these arrangements when we have finalised the deal.

Susan Goff continues to work on a variety of projects, despite being on the road for most of the year (see below for information on these publications).

One project occupying much of my time is the Conference, which I hope you will attend – more below. We are also discussing the management

of our membership applications and renewals, which is a very labour-intensive process, and we should have some news shortly in this area.

Colin Bradley
President

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2012 ALARA Australasian Conference

**Achieving Sustainable Outcomes
through Dialogue and Engagement**
Sydney, Australia – 3 and 4 September

This year's conference will facilitate opportunities for delegates to learn and discuss great ideas on Action Learning and Action Research, and their use in organisational, educational, societal and personal settings.

The Sydney Conference Organising Committee has released a call for presentations and panel members. **Dates for submissions are 21 May for presentations and 1 June for panel members** (if you need more time, please email me a.s.a.p.).

There will be plenaries and small group sessions, as well as several opportunities for micro-meetings – one-to-one or very small group meetings, where delegates can discuss specific topics of interest.

We believe it will be a very interesting conference, so book the dates now!

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Bob Dick, with the assistance of Shankar Sankaran and Eugene Fernandez, has agreed to conduct a pre-conference Workshop:

Introduction to Action Learning and Action Research.

We are negotiating two other potential (pre- or post-conference) workshops.

You will receive more information, and details about registrations, during May.

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Call for presentations and panel members for 2012 ALARA Australasian Conference, Sydney 3 & 4 September

Achieving Sustainable Outcomes through Dialogue and Engagement: The Best from Action Learning and Action Research

The Organising Committee invites expressions of interest by those wishing to participate as a member of a panel. Timetable · Submission of abstract for presentation to admin@alara.net.au Monday 21 May 2012 (or earlier)

Delegates at previous ALARA Conferences have valued the:

- Strong sense of collegiality amongst fellow delegates;
- Variety of backgrounds that always contributes to a highly creativity event;
- Personal and professional inspiration arising from the Conferences.

The 2012 Conference aims to build on these foundations to produce sustainable outcomes for participants. The Conference will be a two-day high-level networking and initiative generation event, including Professional Development Workshops. There will be many opportunities for practitioners, theorists, clients and funding bodies to meet, pitch ideas and services, and explore real action possibilities with enough substance to take the strategies into realisation. Delegates should leave the Conference with a plan of action for those strategies. Call for presentations ALARA's Sydney Conference Organising Committee invites submissions for presentations / discussions about action learning and action research initiatives that have produced sustainable outcomes, as a means to creating inspiration and ideas for further discussions during the Conference. The emphasis for these

presentations will be on creating discussion amongst delegates. Presentations will be 45 or 90 minutes, with at least half of the session time dedicated to questions from and discussion amongst the delegates attending the session. Call for panel members The Conference will include one or more panels that will discuss the latest advances in Action Learning and Action Research utilisation in specific industries and settings, such as the Health, Community or Education sectors. The panels will discuss the advances and future direction for Action Learning / Action Research.

- Confirmation of inclusion of presentation Friday 15 June 2012
- Expression of interest for panel to admin@alara.net.au Friday 1 June 2012 (or earlier)
- Confirmation of inclusion on panel Friday 15 June 2012 More information and the form to register your interest is available at www.alara.net.au <<http://www.alara.net.au>> Colin Bradley

ALARA Australasian Conference Organising Committee



Membership

ALARA has used a combination of its own website and PayPal to manage the application and renewal process for membership for the last few years. These arrangements require considerable effort from Donna (our Finance / Bookkeeper) and Robyn (Administration Secretary).

The Management Committee has agreed to investigate a suitable replacement for this process using a third party service. When this arrangement is set up, I will send you more information, after which you will receive a reminder for the 2012/2013 subscriptions.

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Publication News

Journal

Issue 1 for 2012 is late – my apologies to everyone. It has been impossible to edit while I

have been literally on the road, living out of a suitcase with a project since the end of January. However, the final draft is here, and it's looking great. You will receive an email from Robyn with the OJS link to the electronic version, and the hard copy is off to the printers.

Remember you can still access the Decolonising Action Research edition from last year on OJS <http://journal.alara.net.au/> Just sign in with your registration details and go to the issue link at the bottom of the page. You can download the pdfs of each paper as you wish, free of charge of course.

The focus for our first edition in 2012 is on action research and action learning in teacher development in a variety of educational settings and locations. The edition was not planned to be this way – but it seems to be what enthusiastic authors are thinking about.

This will be the last hard copy publication of the journal. Also I will be handing over Chief Editor role to Phil Crane for Edition 2 this year. Thank you Phil!

Susan Goff

Monograph

Eileen Piggot-Irvine, as the editor of the ALARA Monograph series, has provided members with the third Monograph in the series (released 13 April and available at <http://www.alara.net.au/publications/monograph> - see foot of that page):

Donors as Stakeholders in Community-based Participatory Action Research Praxis as Typology in Framing their Roles
by ZerMarie Deacon and David Moxley

If you would like to publish a Monograph in this series, please contact Eileen at Eileen.Piggotirvine@RoyalRoads.ca



History of ALARA

ALARA commenced more than 21 years ago, and it has a very broad range of interests and activities. However, it does not have a full history of its activities and operations.

Since becoming President, I have been trying to compile this history, with some success, thanks to great assistance from people like Donna Alleman, Lyn Cundy, Diane Allen and Vikki Uhlmann.

I would greatly appreciate members (particularly those who have been members for many years) searching their proverbial (or actual) attics for any artefacts such as information, documents, books and files (paper or electronic) that might fill the gaps in the information I have collected so far.

Examples of those gaps include (I have some of these, but many are missing):

- Annual Reports (presented to AGMs or distributed to members)
- Annual statutory reports to the Queensland Department of Fair Trading (and its predecessors)
- Annual Auditors reports
- Publications, such as newsletters (I have all of the Journals)
- Conference and World Congress Proceedings publications – there have been 15 Conferences and eight World Congresses, and I am missing much of the history, promotional material and presented papers / Proceedings from these events
- Promotional material for the Conferences and World Congresses, as well as any other event
- Lists of the Management Committees
- Minutes of meetings of the Management Committees

I would like to get any other examples of ALARA history. I can arrange transportation if required. If any item is your personal copy, we can discuss how I can gain a copy (for example, by scanning).

Please contact me if you discover anything that might be useful, even if you believe I probably already have the item.

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Group Contacts... If you want to get together with other action researchers and action learners – contact someone and do lunch (or Skype)!



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We thank everyone who agreed to make themselves available as a friendly face for practitioners near and far.

If you want to add your name to this Group Contact list, please let editor@alara.net.au know!



Management Committee Membership

The ALARA Management Committee has three vacancies:

- Membership
- Marketing
- Streams

Members wishing to assist in any way are most welcome – please email Colin Bradley at president@alara.net.au.



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