



Where do you think you could make a difference?

Research in Collaboration – A Way to Make a Real Difference?!

In my speech, inspired by Van de Ven's method, of what he calls Engaged Scholarship (2013), I want to encourage doctoral students to think innovatively about the next step in their careers. Where do you want to make a difference? What does it take to make it happen? Which stakeholders are interested in finding ways to promote collective action toward enhancing the mental health outcomes of women worldwide? As an engaged scholar, you can be a person who combines research and development over

time, using existing knowledge but, above all, continues to produce new knowledge in a participatory form of research. Working in collaboration with others can facilitate the production of knowledge that is more penetrating and insightful than working alone, and it can contribute to increased insights for everyone involved throughout the research process. Maybe new types of positions need to be constructed to bridge the gap between research and development if we want to make a difference. In my speech, I will share experiences from an ongoing research collaboration between researchers and educators appointed at universities and schools in Sweden (ULF).



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Beyond the PhD: Where do you /I think you could make a difference?

In this presentation I discuss possible future career routes for people who have undertaken a Womher PhD. I discuss what is specific about such PhDs and how/where these traits might be helpful in making a difference professionally. This involves thinking about both inside and outside of academe and doing so locally, nationally, and internationally. I argue that WOMHER PhDs are extremely well placed to develop interesting and divergent careers (if that's what you are aiming for), despite the increasingly right-wing socio-political climate we face.



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