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The Relevance of Qualitative Research

The concept of 'audit' is a useful way of thinking about the relevance of qualitative research. In this paper, M.K. Rodwell and K.V. Byers show the standards through which different audiences may audit our work.

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Auditing Constructivist Inquiry: Perspectives of Two Stakeholders

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EXERCISE

- Who are the stakeholders in your research?
- What audit standards might each stakeholder use?
- How can you make your research satisfy these stakeholders?

In this paper, Sue Oreszczyn and Susan Carr describe a 'scenario workshop' aimed at encouraging a dialogue between researchers and senior policy-makers.

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Improving the link between policy research and practice: using a scenario workshop as a qualitative research tool in the case of genetically modified crops.

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TIP

Workshops for policy-makers or professionals need not always be organised around presentations of your research findings. Alternative points of discussion are often more fruitful (e.g. presentations of ‘interesting’ raw data or inviting people present to begin by suggesting what they would like to get out of your research – this can also be done prior to the meeting when you send out invitations).



LINKS

The Policy Studies Institute (UK):
www.psi.org.uk

The Brookings Institution (USA):
www.brookings.edu

Institute for Research on Public Policy (Canada):
www.irpp.org

Online e-book of Max Weber – Science as a Vocation:
www.ne.jp/asahi/moriyuki/abukuma/weber/lecture/science_frame.html