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Proposed programme for 3-day workshop on Mixed Methods Research

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Aims of the workshop

- To provide participants with an understanding of how mixed methodsapproaches may be developed and used to inform research regarding children with disabilities and special educational needs
- To consider those theoretical frameworks that may form a sound foundation for developing mixed methods research in this area
- To investigate the means of generating mixed methods research data that can inform practice and the further development of theory
- To develop skills of data handling, interpretation and presentation with regard to mixed methods research for the purpose of informing inclusive teaching and learning and support for children and their families.

Day 1: Introduction to mixed methods research

9.00 **Arrival and registration**

9.30 – 10.45 Session 1. Introduction to mixed methods research

This session will define mixed methods research. Within this session delegates will discuss the types of research problems that may be a good fit for mixed methods research and will consider the potential advantages and challenges of, and barriers to, using mixed methods.

10.45 - 11 **Coffee break**

11-1 Session 2. Foundations and context of mixed methods research

This session will present a historical overview of mixed methods research – how the approach developed, stages in its evolution and the current situation. The philosophical and theoretical foundations of mixed methods research will be discussed, testing the approach for its fit with different paradigms and worldviews.

1 - 1.45 Lunch

1.45 – 3.15 **Session 3. Mixed methods research design**

This session will consider the range of research designs that may be utilised in mixed methods research. Key principles for designing a mixed methods study will be discussed; key decisions in choosing a mixed methods design will be identified; and the six major mixed methods designs (convergent design, explanatory design, exploratory design, embedded design, transformative design and multi-phase design) will be discussed.

3.15 – 3.30 **Coffee**

3.30 – 4.45 Session 4. Developing a mixed methods study (2)

In this session, participants will learn how to develop a mixed methods study, from developing a mixed methods title, developing a research problem and mixed methods purpose statement and developing mixed methods research questions.

4.45 – 5 **Reflection**

This session will be used to reflect on what has been learned during the day and to outline the next day's activities.

Day 2: Collecting and analysing data in mixed methods research

9.30 – 11 Session 5. Collecting data in mixed methods research 1 – Key principles and procedures

This session will focus on key principles and procedures in mixed methods research, including sampling, permissions, data collection and recording, administration and ethics.

11-11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 1.15 Session 6. Collecting data in mixed methods research 2 – Design and data collection

This session will focus on data collection and the types of issues that must be considered within the range of mixed methods designs.

1.15 - 2 Lunch

2 – 3.30 Session 7. Collecting data in mixed methods research 3 – Developing a mixed methods study (2)

In this session, participants will further develop the mixed methods study which they began designing on Day 1. They will develop a methodology for their proposed study, including sampling, data collection and recording, administration and ethical issues.

3.30 - 3.45 **Coffee**

3.45 – 4.45 Session 8. Analysing data in mixed methods research 1 – quantitative and qualitative data analysis

In this session, basic issues within qualitative and quantitative data analysis will be reviewed, and challenges in data analysis and interpretation will be considered.

4.45-5 Reflection

This session will be used to reflect on what has been learned during the day and to outline the next day's activities

Day 3: Analysing and presenting data in mixed methods research

9.30 – 11.15 Session 9. Analysing data in mixed methods research 2 – data analysis and interpretation within mixed methods designs/Developing a mixed methods study (3)

In this session, key steps and decisions regarding data analysis will be considered for the six major mixed methods research designs. The use of computer software within mixed methods research will be discussed. Participants will develop an analysis strategy for the mixed methods proposal they have been working on during the workshop.

11.15 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 1.15 Session 10. Presenting and evaluation mixed methods research

In this session, participants will consider key issues in writing up and presenting mixed methods research, including the nature of the audiences they will be seeking to reach and barriers and obstacles they may have to consider. Evaluation criteria for mixed methods research will be considered, as well as identifying 'next steps' within studies.

1.15 – 2 **Lunch**

2 – 3.30 Session 11. Planning ahead and applying what has been learned

The final session will provide an opportunity to identify critical research questions for the investigation of inclusive education in India, with a particular focus on issues that could be meaningfully investigated via mixed methods research. The session

will review what has been learned, and will also enable participants to complete a personal research needs analysis. In addition, the session will be used to consider research as an applied process and to discuss issues of effective dissemination and further development.

3.30 – 3.45 **Coffee**

3.45 – 4.15 **Valediction and distribution of certificates**