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Beyond words: The Role of Arts-Based research in inclusive and reflective (teacher) education

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Abstract

Arts-Based Research (ABR) offers an inclusive and participatory approach to explore complex themes like equity, diversity, and belonging within (teacher) education. By engaging participants in artistic practices, such as storytelling, painting, poetry, and theatre, ABR enables deep reflection and shared understanding among educators and students (Bertling, 2019; Cahnmann-Taylor & Siegesmund, 2010; Rolling, 2010). Rather than relying on verbal or written articulation alone, it invites multiple forms of knowing and being heard (Clough & Nutbrown, 2019; Rolling, 2010).

This session illustrates how ABR can be used in cross-cultural and inclusive educational settings. Drawing on the work of Coemans & Hannes (2017), the approach demonstrates how arts-based inquiry provides a safe, empowering (learning) space for all voices and creates opportunities for collaborative meaning-making.

Participants will learn how images and artistic artefacts can function as data, analysis, reflection, and dissemination. The session is designed as a visual and interactive experience, allowing the audience to witness and reflect on the transformative power of art in (educational) research and practice.

Through a combination of (audio)visual storytelling and live narrative, this contribution challenges participants to rethink conventional research paradigms and teaching practices—and invites them to consider how creativity can lead to more inclusive, resonant learning environments.

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