



Report by outcomes! Participatory Performance Story Reporting technique

**Adelaide: One day workshop
Presenter: Dr Jessica Dart**

**Repeat workshop
Wednesday 13 May 2009
9.00 – 4.30 pm**

**Venue: Sunnybrae Function Centre
Tikalara Street, Regency Park**

Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided.

Workshop fees: \$390.00 AES members and those from non-government not-for-profit organisations, \$533 non-members (incl. GST)
50% Discount for full time students

A certificate of attendance will be issued to delegates at the end of the workshop.

Note: Workshop places will be limited so get in early.

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Workshop Overview

One of the trickiest evaluation questions to answer, yet one of the most asked, concerns the contribution of a program's activities to final outcomes. It is challenging because outcomes are often long-term in nature and influenced by many things in addition to a particular program. The 'Participatory Performance Story Report' (PPSR) technique has been developed by Jess Dart from Clear Horizon, to address this need. PPSRs use the program logic as a structure to compile evidence into a 'story' of how program activities could plausibly have contributed to program outcomes.

PPSAs have two elements: a five-part structure in which the report is presented and a participatory process whereby the information is generated. While performance story reports vary in content and format, most are short, mention program context and aims, relate to a plausible results chain and are backed by empirical evidence. (Dart and Mayne 2005). Clear Horizon has developed a report template for PPSRs which help to structure both quantitative and qualitative data into a comprehensive story of program performance against long term goals and/or targets.

The PPSR technique is also defined by the process used to create the report. Throughout the process, key stakeholders are invited to contribute, from the planning phase, to the conduct of inquiry right through to the analysis. The process culminates with a large group "evaluation summit" workshop in which the final findings are decided and the recommendations determined.

The purpose of this one-day workshop is to explain what the PPSR is, and to walk participants through the process steps. The workshop will be highly interactive, and case study will be used throughout the day to explore each of the process steps.

The PRSR is based around the principles promoted by John Mayne in his seminal work on Contribution analysis. PPSR technique offers a practical and step-by-step approach to implementing a study to develop a performance story report. It is currently being piloted in 12 locations around Australia, and is being funded by the Australian Government Joint Natural Resource Management team. Clear Horizon conducted the first pilot study, and is writing a user guide.

This technique represents a breakthrough in terms of finding an easy and effective way to meaningfully report on long term outcomes. It is applicable to most sectors, and has been implemented in both overseas development and natural resource management programs.

Who should attend

The PPSR technique is currently being implemented mostly in the Natural Resource Sector. However, this approach is cross-disciplinary and could offer benefits to any sector that embraces participatory process and wishes to find a better way to report on outcomes.

This workshop is pitched at the intermediate to advanced level.

Presenter Profile

Receiving the AES Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award in 2006, Dr Jess Dart is a recognized leader in evaluation with over 15 years of involvement in evaluating social change programs in Australia and overseas. Jess loves to be involved in participatory evaluations of projects with complex, intangible outcomes. As part of her PhD she co-developed the *Most Significant Change Technique*, which is a participatory and story-based evaluation tool.

Jess is from the UK and before coming to live in Australia she worked in the field of overseas development and lived in Mexico and Western India. Her work there involved developing and evaluating participatory farming systems programs with tribal farmers. Jess came to Australia to complete her PhD, in 1997, and has lived here since. In May 2003 Jess founded 'Clear Horizon Consulting', which now has 13 staff. Clear Horizon's clients are mainly from the Australian public sector and the NGOs sector internationally. The latest technique to come from Clear Horizon is the *Participatory Performance Story Technique*.

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