Working with others – being fair and showing respect to other people

Doing action research means:

- working with other people – in a team
- treating people fairly and with respect.

When you do action research you should:

- explain what your work is about so other people understand it clearly
- discuss what you want to do with the people who might be involved
- get people to agree to help you do your work
- work out in the open – not in secret
- make sure that nobody is upset or harmed by what you do
- invite other people to join in with your work
- give people the chance to say 'no' if they do not want to join in
- give people the chance to stop working with you at any time – even if they wanted to join in at the beginning
- discuss what you have found out with the people who helped you – give them a chance to comment, to agree or to ask you to change things
- tell other people what you have found out – and give them a chance to comment
- tell other people what you found out – but not who said what
- make sure your work does not put people at risk or make them vulnerable
- make sure your work is as real and honest as it can be
- make sure you have someone you can talk to if you are worried about how things are going.

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