

## **‘Inclusive Involvement in Qualitative Research Methods: Opportunities and Challenges’**

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**“Helping to re-build, re-connect and re-vitalise: Qualitative researching for knowledge that matters to indigenous peoples in a time of environmental and climate emergency”**

### **Abstract:**

The co-production of knowledge between local communities, scientists and natural resource managers is widely acknowledged as a key enabling process for understanding the causes of the world’s current environmental and climate emergency and finding solution to it. Yet, insufficient attention is generally paid to how we create the conditions for a symmetrical dialogue between knowledge systems to take place, in order for this process of co-production to be a fair and just playing field. In this key note, I will be sharing with the public reflections on my work in Latin America over the last 20 years helping to overcome such asymmetries of power by using qualitative research to start this dialogue of knowledge where indigenous peoples want it to start: re-building, re-connecting and re-vitalising their own knowledge.

### **Bio:**

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