

COMMUNITY VOICES: ENGAGING WITH PEOPLE IN CONSERVATION

10th - 11th April 2018 · Summerstrand South Campus · Nelson Mandela University

We are hosting a practical, participatory workshop to explore the potential for improving resource management and conservation interventions by integrating the human dimension. We will ground the workshop in consideration of relevant regional case studies and application of the Community Voice Method – a novel, solutions-focused method that uses film and qualitative analysis to engage communities in shaping sustainable futures.

WHY: There is a growing discourse around the need for and benefits of incorporating social science approaches in conservation and resource management, but it can be challenging to adapt to interdisciplinary working. This workshop aims to enable some frank conversation that will help demystify ‘interdisciplinarity’ and consider what it actually means in common sense and applied terms.

WHO: We would like to bring together 10-15 people with a keen interest in working with communities on resource management and/or conservation. The workshop will be most productive

if we have a good range of skills and experience in the room. So, whether you see yourself as a strictly social or natural scientist, are an academic or see yourself more as a practitioner, already immersing yourself across disciplines, or you are just curious – you’re very welcome. We hope to bring together a group that is happy to get stuck in and that will ensure lots of learning for everyone.

The workshop to be organized by Ronel Nel, Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, NMU and presented by husband and wife team Dr Peter Richardson and Sue Ranger who are interdisciplinary practitioners and researchers who have been working on community based and community led conservation projects for over 20 years. They first applied the Community Voice Method in the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean in 2010 and have subsequently run two successful CVM projects working with regulators and marine resource users in the UK. Sue and Peter work closely with the originators of the Community Voice Method <http://communityvoiceconsulting.com/>

Please contact the organizer Ronel.Nel@mandela.ac.za as soon as possible to book a spot. More information will follow in due course.

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