

COMBER celebrates C1 rating



Prof Lesley Wood recently received a C1 NRF rating based on the high quality and impact of recent research outputs and considerable international recognition for her “distinctive and

significant contribution to research in the field of community-based educational research in South Africa and internationally”.

Her portfolio of work has pushed the boundaries of what counts as research in education and other social science domains, in and beyond South Africa. Other comments about the quality of her work included:

“... theoretically, she is making an important step towards building a necessary bridge

between Western traditional ontologies and epistemologies and South African indigenous ones in the field of PALAR.

Her work was seen to have impact both on the community and academic level. Her critical questions around the ways that institutional knowledge can thwart community participation in creating solutions to pressing social issues like poverty were deemed to be urgent, and crucial, for changing the paradigms in which research is conducted so as to make more of an impact.”

She was also praised for the national leadership roles she plays, her considerable international collaborations, and her inclusion on the editorial and/or advisory boards of reputable international journals.

COMBER vier C1-gradering

Prof Lesley Wood het onlangs ’n C1 NNS-gradering ontvang op grond van die hoë gehalte en impak van onlangse navorsingsuitsette en beduidende internasionale erkenning vir haar onderskeidende en betekenisvolle bydrae tot navorsing op die gebied van gemeenskapsgebaseerde opvoedkundige navorsing in Suid-Afrika en internasionaal. Haar portefeulje van werk het die grense verskuif van wat as navorsing in onderwys en ander gebiede op die sosiale wetenskappe binne en buite Suid-Afrika geld. Ander kommentaar oor die gehalte van haar werk het die volgende ingesluit: Op teoretiese gebied gee sy ’n belangrike tree vorentoe vir die bou van die noodsaaklike brug op die gebied van *PALAR* tussen Westerse tradisionele

ontologieë en epistemologieë en dié wat inheems aan Suid-Afrika is. Haar werk word beskou as dat dit ’n impak het op die gemeenskap, maar ook op ’n akademiese vlak. Haar kritiese vrae oor die manier waarop institusionele kennis die deelname van gemeenskappe kan verhoed om oplossings op kwellende maatskaplike kwessies soos armoede te verkry, word as dringend en noodsaaklik gesien vir die verandering van paradigmas waarin navorsing uitgevoer word sodat dit ’n groter impak kan hê. Sy is ook geloof vir die nasionale leierskapsrolle wat sy vervul, vir haar wye internasionale samewerking, asook haar insluiting op die redaksie en/of adviesrade van gerekende internasionale vaktydskrifte.