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Theology and Action Research Network News and Updates

Dear Friends,

We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Easter weekend.

We are writing you with a few updates on upcoming events. Registration for the **TARN training** in June is now open. Led by Dr Helen Cameron and Dr James Butler, this training is aimed at doctoral students as well as researchers and will give you experience of engaging in the process of theological action research.

We are also planning a **TARN colloquium** in Durham from 11th-12th September. This event will give theological action researchers the opportunity to share about their projects. The title of this colloquium is *Taking stock and Moving Forward* and we are looking forward to learning from your experiences and the ways in which new ideas are being developed.

We are hoping to see you in June or September and to receive more information on your projects!

Best wishes

Clare, Helen, James and Stefanie

Training

Wednesday and Thursday, 4-5 June 2025

9:00am-12:00pm (GMT) on both days.

Registration for our theological action research training is open!

This training is interactive and conversational and takes place on Zoom. This event will help you to engage with the process of theological action research. That entails that key characteristics of theological action research will be considered, such as working collaboratively, identifying a research question and working with the four theological voices. Please follow this link for [more information](#). These training sessions are popular and we recommend a timely registration. Places are limited.

If you wish to participate, please [register here](#).

This is what other people say about our TAR trainings:

"Three key insights: "Be prayerfully attentive to the data. The formal voice can include other disciplines. TAR is about discernment through conversation."

"The exercises in groups and general session were informative. I really loved the polyphonic and dialogical nature of the methodology. Stimulating and inspiring."

"I have definitely learned about the power of conversational method through this training especially group conversations we had."

TARN Colloquium

Theological Action Research Taking Stock and Moving Forward: Gathering – Discerning - Learning

11th - 12th September 2025

St John's College, Durham

We are planning a two days event, specifically to explore and discuss developments in theological action research. The colloquium is aimed at those carrying out theological action research at any level. Following the Ecclesiology and Ethnography Conference this event will be held at the same venue: St John's College, Durham. This will make it easier for those, who wish to attend both events.

Please follow this link for [more information](#).
Click here to access our [Colloquium Registration Form](#)!

We are seeking contributions addressing the processes of gathering, discerning and learning. Rather than focusing on formal academic presentations, we are inviting participants to present in varied and some creative ways, for no more than 15 minutes on an aspect of their work they wish to discuss. We are particularly interested in exploring challenges and questions you have faced, while carrying out theological action research.

Please submit your proposed contribution to this colloquium using this [Google Form](#). Registrations need to be submitted by **30th May**.

If you know of someone who might be interested in taking part, please extend this information to those who are not yet part of the network. For event updates, we kindly direct you to our website. If you have any questions, do [reach out and write us](#).

We are very open to your ideas and suggestions. This will help us to take stock and think about the future.

Hope to see you there!



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