

## Dissertation evaluation

**Title of dissertation:**            **Establishing trust-based relationships between action research participants: A case study of teachers' collaboration to facilitate inclusive educational practices within a school setting**

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**Evaluator:**                        **PhDr. Iva Strnadová, Ph.D.**

The submitted dissertation displays your ability to critically analyze relevant literature. Moreover you seem to be independent and self-confident in learning through research-based activity. You have selected good examples to support your arguments. Your professional experience as a Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) is well reflected throughout the text.

The research is based on well-defined terms and concepts which are clearly shown by chapter two. However the resources are sometimes not mentioned (“...relevant literature in this field has also established that trust-based relationships...” on page 21 – what concrete literature do you mean? The same comment applies to your statement on page 24).

The aims of the research – 1) to develop an understanding of the factors influencing the development of trust-based relationships between participants in an action research project and 2) to deepen understanding of how trust-based relationships facilitate collaboration and problem solving in the context of an action research project – have been attained. The research questions are fully acceptable.

Chapter six displays your ability to analyze the data gained by journal entries, video analysis and observations within the school setting and both semi-structured and informal interviews. I highly appreciate you using the quotations of action research participants. The conclusions are commented on the basis of the reviewed literature.

Chapter six includes possibilities for future research. Among others you highlight the challenge of reestablishment of broken trust. *What would be your recommendations in this matter based on your professional experience? Please, provide some examples at the viva.*

The suggestions for improvements:

- ❖ I recommend consistency in terms you use in your dissertation (e.g., you refer to your dissertation as to “research” and sometimes as to “survey” – see page 19).
- ❖ It would be desirable to explain all terms in Maori language used in the text (e.g., “kaupapa” on page 18).

The suggestions for the viva:

- *What might be the ways to encourage the teachers to participate in action research?*
- *What are the advantages and disadvantages of grounded theory approach according to your experience?*

The submitted dissertation is a work of distinctive standard. I recommend the dissertation to be accepted to the viva.

**Evaluation: 1**

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