**MA in Educational Leadership (Teach First)**

**Research Methods Training: Session 2**

**Qualitative Approaches: Case Study and Action Research**

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**Activity 1:Case Study**Almost certainly the research you did for the Improving Urban Schools was a case study. So, in pairs, discuss:

What are the defining features of case study research?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of case study research?

**Activity 2: Action Research**

Work in small groups where at least one person has done a piece of action research. In your group, discuss:

What are the defining features of action research?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of action research?

**Activity 3:**

In small groups, describe some areas you are currently trying to improve at your school.

Consider if any of these might be appropriate for action research.

Remember that your research must have a strong LEADERSHIP focus.

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