

Tacit Evaluation-Rethinking Evaluation in Community Settings - CLARITY+



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- The CLARITY+ project seeks to drive meaningful change by co-creating and piloting community-led evaluation approaches that are both practical and impactful.

In the CLARITY project:

- 17 communities and organisations to address health inequalities.

- 5 Locations:
Sheffield, Rotherham, Birmingham, Dudley and Coventry

Review:

What does community-led evaluation actually look like?

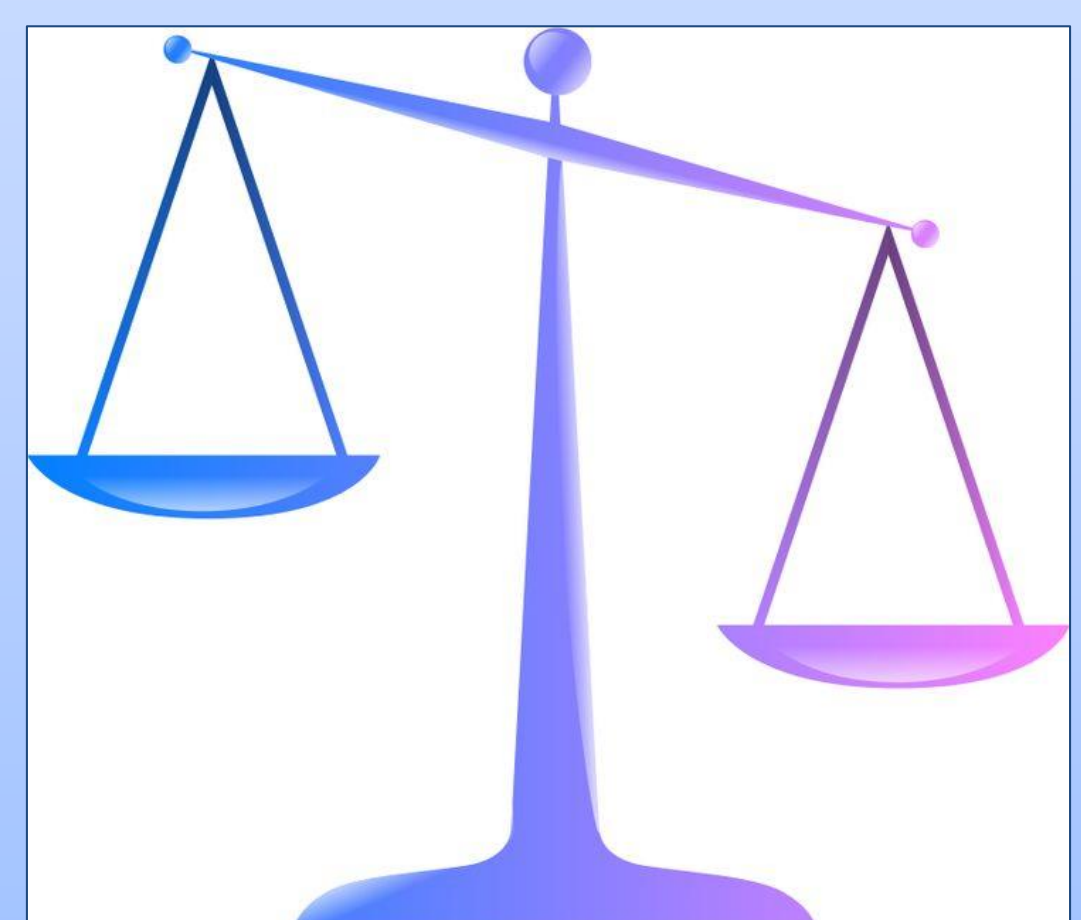
Evidence identification:

MEDLINE, Web of Science & SCOPUS

35 records identified → **10 empirical studies**

Findings:

- Community-led ≠ participatory
- Evaluation happens beyond formal tools
- Broaden what counts as evidence
- Structural change is needed



The Concept: Tacit evaluation

It refers to immediate, practice-based reflection embedded in everyday activity, where feedback is shared verbally and informally as work unfolds

Every day, practice-based reflection is woven into conversations, decisions, and relationships.

What it looks like:

Storytelling
use narratives to interpret change, assess impact, and guide action

Informal and relational
Feedback is shared in conversations, decisions and relationships, rather than formal reports.

Continuous learning
supports adaptation, problem-solving, accountability in resource-constrained settings.

Why it matters

Position communities as evaluators and knowledge producers.

Challenge deficit framings "hard-to-reach population"

Support equitable and participatory and locally driven evaluation in public health practices.