Reflective practice
Participatory Action Research

Data? Findings? Rich description?
Narrative?

Reflective practice
Participatory Action Research

Detailed & intensive
Developing over time
Involves self and others
Situated in an environment
Critically reflective

- evolving design
- mixture of investigative strategies as needed
- identify gaps and adapt
- multiple dimensions considered

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Survey
Structured observation
Purposive interviewing
Focus group
experiment

Specific data

Coding
Analysis
Findings

Reflective practice
Participatory action research

Selection
Identification of themes/trends
Interpretation
Implications

Everything is data

Action
Working model
Critical account

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Organising and reflecting

- Selecting themes
- Making connections
- Co-constructing
- Aligning with literature, other practice, policy, etc

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Critical reflection

- How we change
  - What we know
  - What we do

- What we thought we knew

- What we are doing

- Theory

- Practice

- Reflection

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You need to find ways of presenting your process, the context, the obstacles and discoveries, the new insights and activities and the implications of the project as a whole. I suggest a layered narrative approach, that combines discussion of process, discoveries and implications (perhaps moving form concrete to more abstract). Eg:

The findings chapter-discussion chapter format just doesn’t fit comfortably with these kinds of research methods, the ‘findings’ are not so separate and discrete, and the discoveries are multi-faceted.

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Territory to explore

too little to be useful

too complicated to follow

Ignoring my role in the story

Sticking to the plan

Forcing outcomes

expecting objectivity

too subjective

Looking for proof

Saying how great I am