

## The Australian Institute for Social Inclusion and Wellbeing (TAISIW)

Invites you to the Book Launch of...

### Advancing Research Agendas in Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Launch of Two New Top Tier Published Books in 2009

#### ***'Evidence Based Social Work: A Critical Stance'***

By Professor Mel Gray, Dr Debbie Plath & Professor Stephen A. Webb

And

#### ***'Social Work Theories and Methods'***

By Professor Mel Gray & Professor Stephen A. Webb

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009**

**10:30am – 12:30pm, The Function Centre, Upstairs of Isabella's Restaurant**

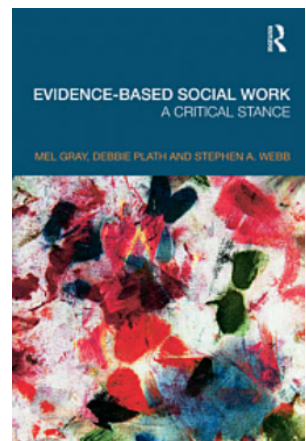
Lunch and Drinks Provided

#### **Evidence-Based Social Work: A Critical Stance**

Evidence-based practice is now a core element of many governments' approaches to policy making and social intervention. It has become a powerful movement that promises to change the content and structure of social work and its allied professions. Its emergence has generated much debate and raised challenging questions, however, particularly at the interface of research, policy, and practice.

This book provides a critical analysis of evidence-based practice in social work. It introduces readers to the fast changing research, policy, legislative, and practice context. It discusses what constitutes knowledge in social work, the values and beliefs that lie behind EBP and problems of implementation, formalization and resource management. Reflecting on the challenges of transferring evidence-based practice to frontline social work practice, Gray, Plath and Webb argue that social work practice is not easily measured and systematized into best practice guidelines that disseminate proven diagnostic and effective intervention knowledge.

Using Actor Network Theory for the first time in the social work literature, *Evidence-based Social Work* illuminates how adopting the methodology and language of evidence-based practice fundamentally alters the conditions under which social work takes place. This book is vital reading for academics, practitioners, and students with an interest in contemporary social work practice and research.

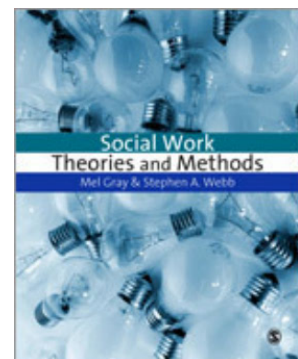


#### **Social Work Theories and Methods**

This exciting book draws together the key contemporary theories, theorists and perspectives used in social work and explains how they are applied in practice and critiqued by social workers. It provides:

- An outline of the contribution made by a key theorist, theory or perspective to social work
- A selective bibliography of each thinker or approach
- A glossary defining key traditions, with cross links to key theorists and perspectives
- A timeline of key publications
- Study questions at the end of each chapter.

The book will be valuable for undergraduate, graduate students, post qualifying students and researchers in social work.



You can find more information about these books & the authors on the TAIWIW website:  
<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/australian-institute-for-social-inclusion-and-wellbeing/>

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