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Teacher Research for Professional Development

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Slides and Further Reading

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Workshops

Lectures



Courses

Conferences

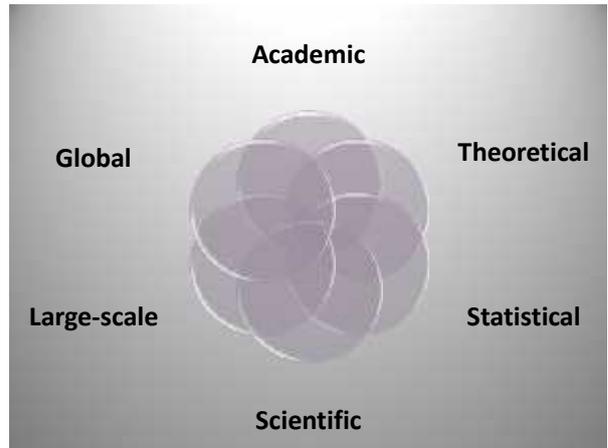
'External' Teacher Development

Infrequent
Costly
Disruptive
Generic
Theoretical
Receptive
Not 'owned'



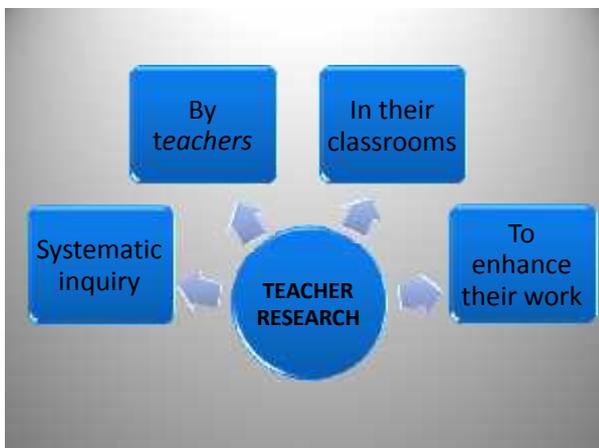
Teachers cannot be developed (passively). They develop (actively). It is vital, therefore, that they are centrally involved in decisions concerning the direction and processes of their own learning. (Day 1999: 2)





Research has little or nothing to do with classroom practice.

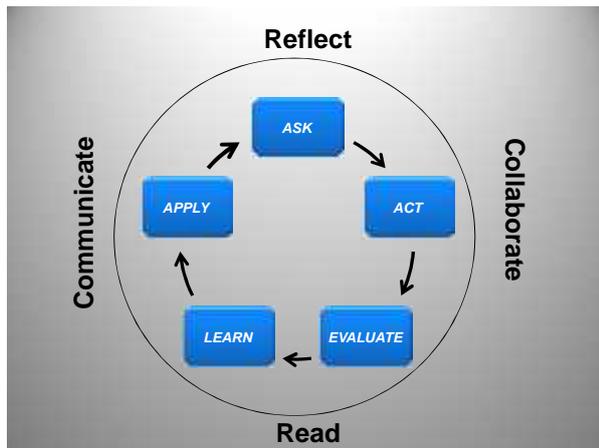
I've been recruiting teachers for 20 years ... sometimes the people who love research don't make the best teachers.



How can I integrate pair work activities into my lectures?

What kind of feedback on writing do my students prefer?

How do my learners react to the use of self-assessment?



Benefits of Teacher Research

It has undeniable transformative potential to enrich and improve the work of teachers, the experiences of learners, and the effectiveness and credibility of organizations (Borg 2013: 230)

Benefits of Teacher Research

confidence

understanding

autonomy

motivation

collegiality

I have learned to listen more carefully to students' voices ... I became aware of how rarely students have a chance to express their views.

I look upon problems as challenges to be overcome through research not hurdles to cry about.



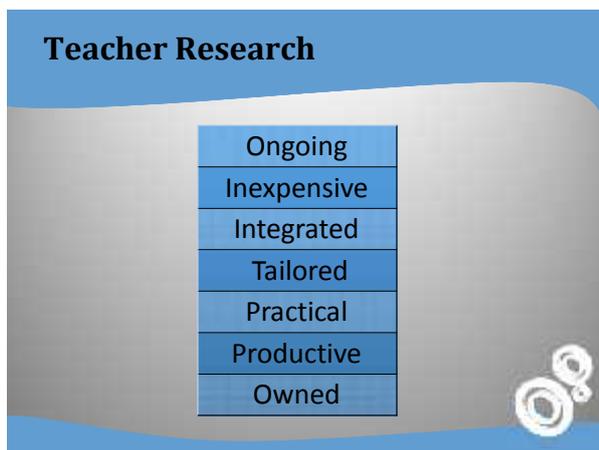
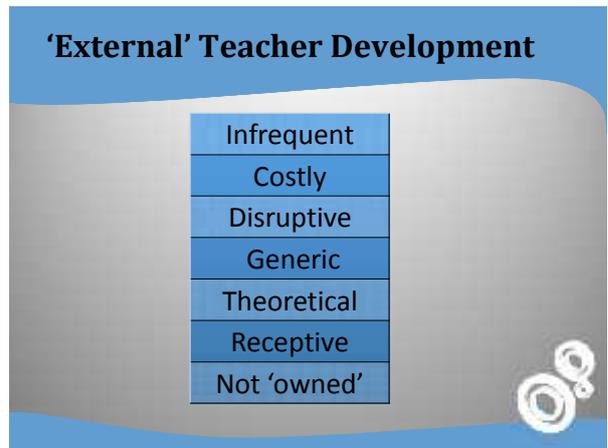
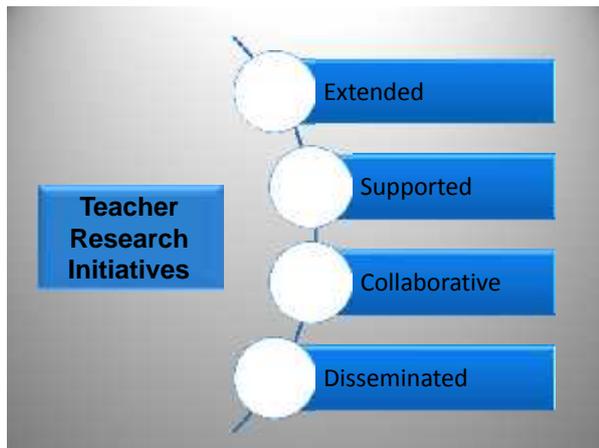
We have been teaching the same way we taught ten years ago but now we have an urge to experiment with new ideas in our teaching.



HEC/BC Teacher Research Project

10-month project	18 teachers of English
Three workshops	On-line support





... teacher research is an **EMINENTLY PRACTICAL** way of being a professional (Borg 2013: 217)

The teacher who just teaches and the one who has done research the difference is that of dead and alive!

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