

Abstract Article “Engaging Intersectionality & Undoing Colonial Ties: The challenges of participatory community development and disability research

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Abstract

This paper presents complementary research to Reindl et al.’s study *From Object to Subject: A call for the radicalization of participatory community development in the Netherlands* (2017). It explores the participatory community development methodologies and practices of the Disability Person’s Organization SIGAB during the implementation of their ‘Inclusive Village’ model in three rural villages in the region around Yogyakarta, Indonesia. With respect to the differing socio-political, economic, and cultural contexts, the study presents a selection of SIGAB’s experiences in order to inform community development projects for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the Netherlands. The results underscore the importance of the application of an intersectional analysis in order to develop effective and inclusive resistance strategies. Moreover, a critical analysis of the study’s research calls on Western researchers to more effectively support the decolonization of disability studies by moving increasingly to community action research when doing research in the Majority World.