



Practicing Oral History

To Improve Public Policies and Programmes

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The use of contemporary oral history to improve public policies and programmes is a growing, transdisciplinary practice. Indispensable for students and practitioners, *Practicing Oral History to Improve Public Policies and Programmes* is the first book to define the practice, explain how policy-makers use it, show how it relates to other types of oral history, and provide guidance on the ethics and legalities involved.

Packed with case studies from disciplines as diverse as medicine, agriculture, and race relations, as well as many examples from the author's own work, this book provides an essential overview of the current state of the field within oral history for public policy and a complete methodology for the process of designing and implementing an oral history project. The comprehensive *How To* section demonstrates how to use the practice to advance the reader's career, their chosen discipline and the public interest, whether their field is in oral history or in public policy.

This book is an important resource for oral historians, fledgling or experienced, who are keen to find new applications and fundings for their work, as well as for professionals in the public and not-for-profit sectors who want to learn to use oral history to improve their own policies and programmes.

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