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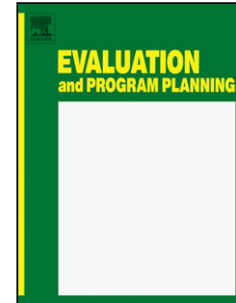
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Abstract: On the occasion of the 21st anniversary of empowerment evaluation, congratulations are in order for having established global credibility, demonstrated utility, and for its its exemplary openness to dialogue, reflective practice, and process use.

Keywords: empowerment, evaluation, dialogue, process use, reflective practice

Highlight

- David introduced the idea of empowerment evaluation in his presidential keynote. It was an innovative and radical approach that was met with much initial skepticism, but the approach has certainly prevailed, gaining not only legitimacy but utility, and, as evidenced in the documentary record, is being implemented and appreciated worldwide.
- Empowerment evaluation is fundamentally about systemic, systematic, empirically-oriented, and rigorously facilitated evaluative thinking. Empowerment involves the dynamics of complex systems. Systems can disempower, empower, and do both at the same time. Empowerment is embedded in authentic and meaningful engagement processes, interpersonal relationships, socio-political, cultural, institutional, and economic arrangements. Indeed, the writings about empowerment evaluation manifest understanding of these dynamics

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