

Introduction and Overview

What is EBL?



How does it work?

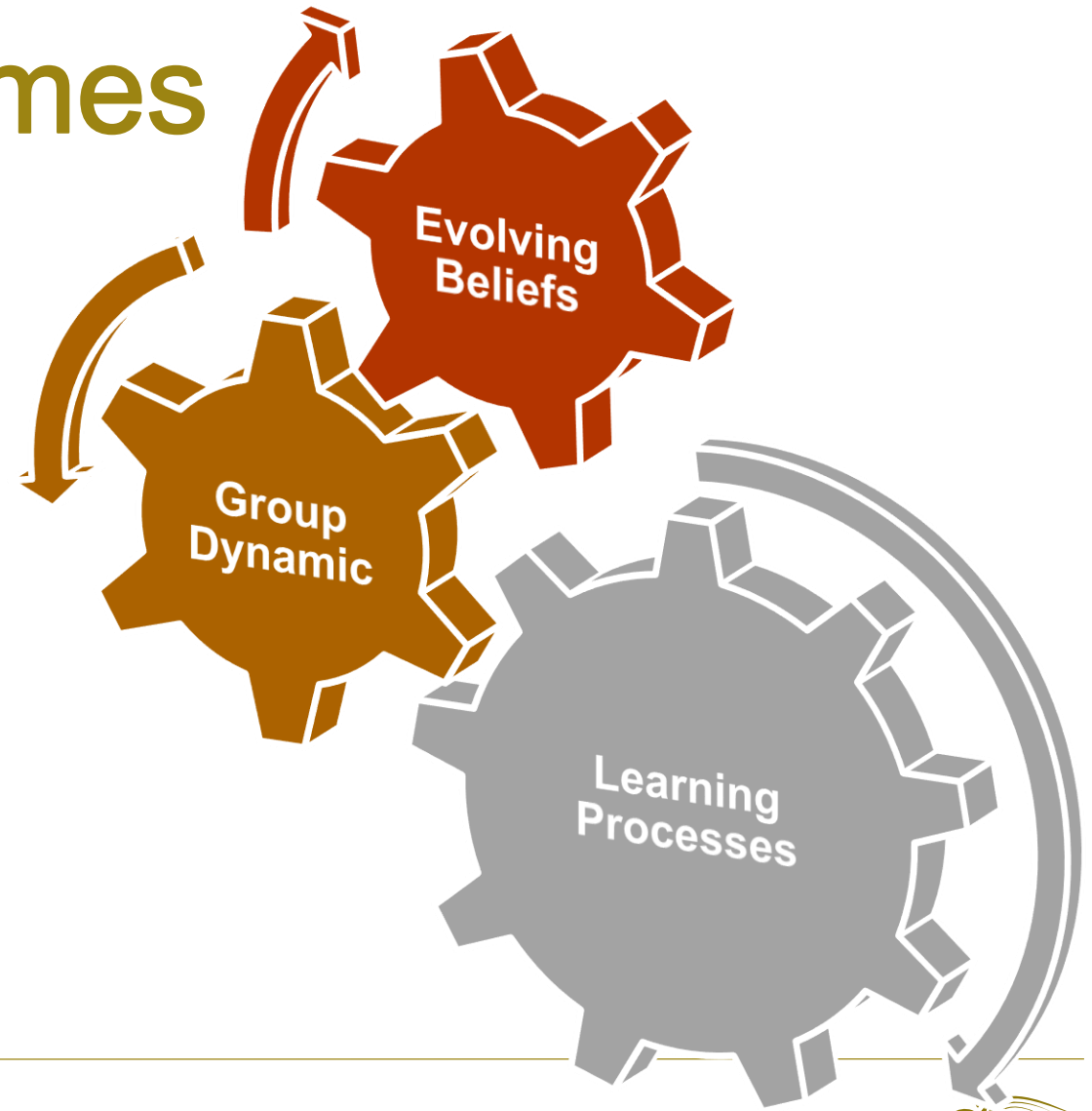
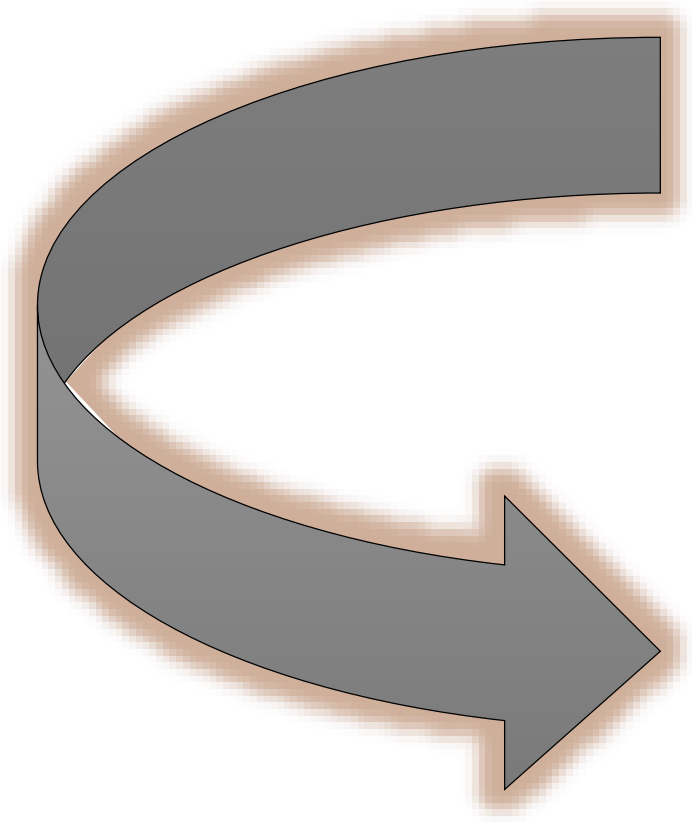


Mixed Methods Evaluation

Does it work?



Synthesized Meta-Themes



Real World Practice: *Authentic Learning*

“EBL is basically what you’re going to be doing when you’re out on the wards”

“Because you’re learning how to do stuff that you’re going to use when you’re actually working”

“When we did the trigger on gestational diabetes we decided do that on the basis that when we go out on practice next time it’s really going to help us”



Real World Practice: *Professional Duty to Use Evidence*

*“I think it’s more useful
...the information you’re
looking up, it’s actually
going to benefit you when
you go out on placement”*

*“Obviously ...if it was in a
real situation it does need
to be evidence based”*

*“If you're getting false
information it's not going
to be any use to you in
placement”*



Real World Practice: *Professional Duty to Use Evidence*

“Because they [the women] trust you, you're a midwife...they expect the things that you are saying are correct... professional duty...that's totally it”



Real World Practice: *Confidence and Assertiveness*

“You’re learning ...things like your confidence...once you’ve built up your confidence... you’ll always have it”

“That’s what I’m kind of picking up most in EBL about communication... I think I’m more vocal ...more assertive”

“Before I used to be really shy ...it used to be a big issue for me to put my ideas out there...I feel comfortable in the group to put it out there



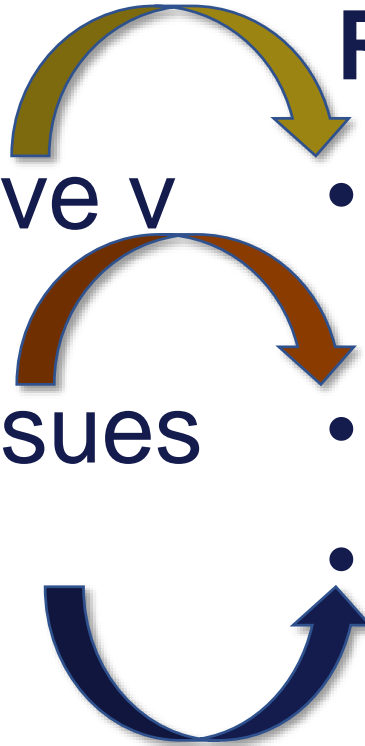
Limitations of EBL?

Challenges

- Paradigm shift - active v passive
- Group dysfunction issues
- “Presentations”

Real World Context

- Managing Change – dynamism
- Real world group dynamic
- Professional development



Conclusion

Whilst EBL may present some 'transitional educational anxiety' for certain students, the cognitive, behavioural and affective skill sets fostered by this approach to learning are recognised as deeply significant to real world practice and the professional role of the midwife

Thank You