

Project Artemis:

Girl-led Participatory Action Research for educational and social justice

Facilitator biography

Elicia Loiselle is a Master of Arts candidate in the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. As a pro-choice, feminist activist, her academic career is heavily informed by the extensive work she has done over the past nine years in the fields of sexual health, women's rights, queer community development and youth work. Across the contexts of her work, Elicia is committed to exploring critical and political child and youth care practice as a tool for social justice.

Her thesis research engaged girls from an alternative education program as co-researchers in a Participatory Action Research project, using arts-based methods that included producing a 25-minute video documentary called *The Artemis Effect: When Girls Talk Back*. Elicia is currently co-authoring a chapter in a new child and youth care text that explores marginalized girls' complex realities via the structural barriers they negotiate.