Section 1

Inquiry as life process

Grounding my Inquiry

In the following two chapters (3 and 4) I show how my inquiry into relationships between women developed from my professional practice, and is imbued with deeper meaning from my personal history. In writing them I explored the multiple levels of meaning which the terms 'mainstream' and 'margins' have held for me, and of how my inquiry process enabled me to re-position myself in relation to them.

The section is made up of three chapters.

In the first I explore the personal meaning of my inquiry into women in organisations, illustrating the ontological grounding of my inquiry (chapter 3).

In the second I describe how I worked with these themes in developing my consultancy business (chapter 4).

In the third I provide an overview of my inquiry, showing the development of each track and how they interlinked (chapter 5).

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