

# Understanding power to win a better world

## Session Three: Organising in a Pandemic



### Today's agenda

1. What is Power - Amanda Tattersall
2. Arenas of Power - Erik Peterson

### Trainers

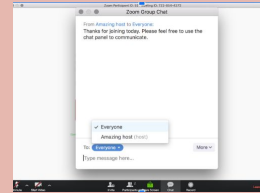
Amanda Tattersall

Erik Peterson



### Housekeeping

- o Your own **tech**:
  - Mute phones
  - Video on where possible
  - Headphones
- o Public **chat**:
  - Comments/questions throughout
- o We will use **breakout rooms**
  - Take notes in the slide document
- o We will be **recording**
  - Recordings published here: <https://changemakerspodcast.org/masterclass/>



## What is power?



## Power is the ability to act

### Perspectives on power - Power over

#### Power over

- Arbitrary
- Domination
- Secretive
- Exclusive
- Arrogant
- Tyrannical
- Self-serving
- Dismissive
- Intimidating

### Perspectives on power - Power with

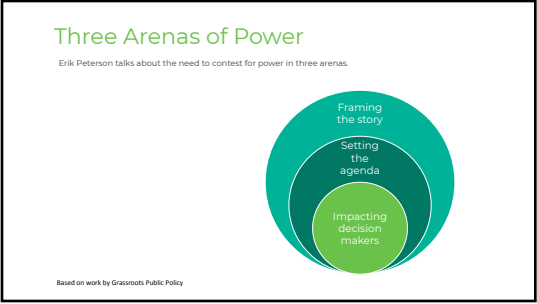
#### Power with



- Creative
- Open
- Inclusive
- Supportive
- Honest
- Inspiring
- Problem solving
- Partnering
- Collaborative

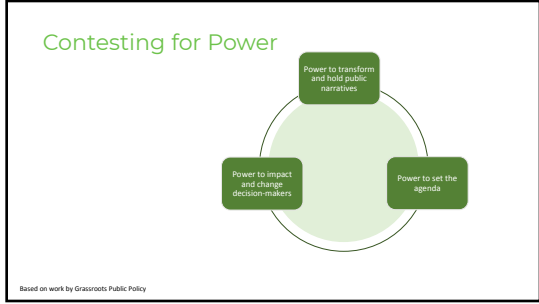
# Power over and Power with

- ## Breakout groups
- Round of Introductions
  - What was your most memorable experience of 'power with'?
  - How do these different concepts of power change your understanding of power?

# Arenas of Power



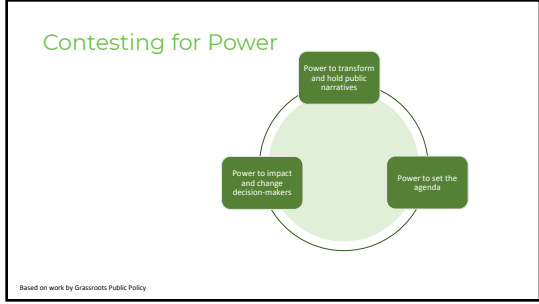
- ## Tools of Power
-  Organised **Money**
  -  Organised **People**
  -  Organised **Ideas**
- The key is **ORGANISED**



## Definitions

**Worldview** is a set of values, beliefs, assumptions that shape the way we view and interpret the world.

**Public narratives** are the collective (or shared) stories that we tell about ourselves as a society, country or community to express our worldview.



Who currently holds the power to influence decision-makers?

How are they exercising that power to influence?

Where do we have opportunities to build and use our power to influence?

**Power to impact and change decision makers**

**Power to set the agenda**

Who benefits and who is harmed by the current decisions – whose agenda is being moved?

Whose interests are missing, absent or marginalised?

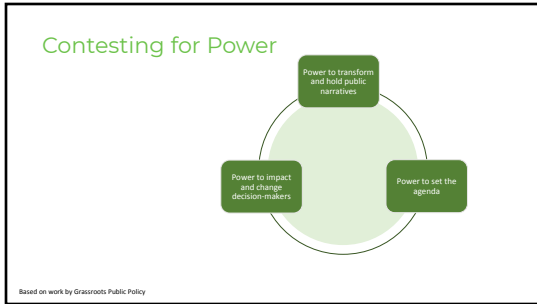
Where do we have opportunities to move a more progressive agenda?

What is the dominant story being told during this crisis?

How does it help or hinder more progressive efforts?

Where do we have opportunities to tell a different story?

**Power to hold and transform public narratives**



## Report backs and recaps

### Close

Do a relational meeting, the training video is up and you can watch again - everything at:

<https://changemakerspodcast.org/masterclasses/>

Grow the group - invite a friend

Next week, coalition building