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Training for Transformation in Practice published in 2013 appears four decades after the original handbooks. It remains rooted heavily in Freirean approaches and it is interesting to consider its relevance, alongside the earlier texts and in relation to current debates on organizing or development approaches to community work. The *Training for Transformation* handbooks, developed during the late 1970s and early 1980s, have become a core text for large numbers of community development workers across the non-industrialized world. Drawing heavily on the pedagogical approaches of Paulo Freire they challenged earlier concepts of development with tools that connected social change with people's personal lives and sought to transfer power and decision making to those formerly seen as beneficiaries. Influenced by second-wave feminism and the anti-apartheid struggle, they are very much a part of the...

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