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John has provided an invaluable service to the Action Learning community of scholars and practitioners by making this bibliography available to all. His reasons for doing so are as follows:

While writing my book “Action Learning In Healthcare: A Practical Handbook” I began looking for references to the use of action learning in the healthcare field. I was struck by how there was no single repository of all the books, book chapters, journal articles and reports which had been produced over the years which could be drawn upon by those who wanted to focus on the use of action learning in specific areas, such as vocational training, higher education, small firms, information management, leadership development, etc. What began as a healthcare-based initiative grew into something much more comprehensive which continues to grow further with the plethora of publications on action learning. I’ve no doubt that the bibliography needs further work – perhaps to identify the specific fields and to show whether the reference in question is a book chapter, journal article or report – but at least it brings together the huge range of work that has been done.