1. Why do research as a practitioner?
Why might it be useful?

2. What is your research environment?
What do you think the challenges of carrying out research as a practitioner might be?

What or who might get in your way?

What would your ideal research environment be like?

How will you make your existing environment work for you?
Jane & Emma’s tips for doing practitioner research

1. Find your thinking space
   Where’s my ‘third space’?

2. Modify your attitude to time
   How will I start carving out time for research?

3. Build a partnership
   Who could be my partner(s)?

4. Look out for funding opportunities
   Where shall I start looking?

5. Find your niche
   What do I love about my research field?

6. Develop your online identity
   What does my digital footprint already look like?

7. Present your ideas early
   What do I already have that I can share and develop?

8. Final step: academic publication
   What journal would I like to be published in - and what are their submission guidelines for authors?

Action plan: what-why-how

What is your research? What question does it answer (or pose)?

Why are you doing it? What will it contribute to the research context/our understanding of the library’s role and purpose?

How are you doing it? What means will you use to collect or generate data (if appropriate), analyse the data, and draw conclusions from them?