Exercises

# Chapter 25: The Concluding Chapter

## Exercise 1: Start compiling discussion points for your conclusion chapter

Get into the habit of keeping files on each of the issues below (taken from Table 25.1 in the book):

* the relation between your present work and your original research questions
* anything you would do differently now
* implications for policy and practice
* further research that might follow from your findings, methods or concepts
* the limitations of your own study.

At regular intervals, attempt to write a summary of what you can currently say about each of these issues.

## Exercise 2: Use existing articles to support your conclusions

As this chapter in the book has argued:

Data are there to think with and to think about … [this means] that methods of data collection and data analysis do not make sense when treated in an intellectual vacuum and divorced from more general and fundamental disciplinary frameworks. (Coffey and Atkinson, 1996: 153)

Find one or two recent journal articles which you think are important and show why they are relevant to your conclusions.

## Exercise 3: Determine audiences for your research

Make a list of the different audiences who might be interested in your research (e.g. disciplinary, methodological, practitioners, general public). Now work out how you could write a concluding chapter which framed the contribution of your research for each of these audiences.