

PARTICIPATION LAB: MIXER



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MIXER: A SOCIAL GATHERING DESIGNED TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER (*N. AMER. COLLOQ.*)

PARTICIPATION LAB: ORIGINS

- University of Reading
 - Long-term interest in and commitment to participation
 - Exciting changes in the institutional research landscape
- Human Geography Research Cluster
 - Staff working with communities in global North and South
 - Researchers in community, care, participation and justice
 - Interdisciplinary links with colleagues in Global Development, Heritage & Creativity, Environment, Food and Health
- **Desire** to cement and build on our reputation
- **Dedication** to work with and learn from others and build capacity
- **Determination** to co-produce knowledge for social change

OUR RESEARCH

Community Development

- Action research
- Social justice
- Community researchers

Harnessing Enthusiasm

- Citizen science
- Motivations
- Natural and cultural heritage

Participatory Methodologies

- Methods & ethics
- Dissemination
- Impact



IN PRACTICE





OUR AIMS

1. To co-produce knowledge with communities and practitioners;
2. To establish a research training programme designed with NGOs, communities and public bodies;
3. To build capacity within and beyond the University of Reading.



Participation Lab

Co-producing knowledge for social change

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The Whitley Researchers

Welcome to the Participation Lab!

Posted on April 28, 2016 by deathinthefamilyinsenegal

Welcome to the Participation Lab!

This innovative initiative, led by core members of the Human Geography Research Cluster, Ruth Evans, Hilary Geoghegan and Sally Lloyd-Evans, aims to co-produce knowledge with communities and practitioners, establish a research training programme designed with NGOs, communities and public bodies and build capacity within and beyond the University of Reading.

If you're interested in participatory action research, community development, citizen science and achieving social change and transformation, check out our events and

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WHAT CAN THE LAB OFFER?

- **A hub of people** interested in participatory techniques, action research, citizen science approaches and 'impact' for social change
- **Resources**, eg. research reports, briefings, toolkits, videos & more
- Sustained **partnerships and collaborations** with practitioners, community members, students and researchers
- Annual **workshop**, meetings and other events
- Tailored **social research methods training**
- **Interdisciplinary links** to other academics and researchers @ Reading
- **Network of organisations and universities** engaging in innovative participatory approaches

WHAT NEXT?

- Identifying linked organisations and practitioners, student representatives and colleagues with mutual interests;
- Bringing together our Participation Lab Steering Group;
- Securing funds for a two year programme of work;
- Hosting our inaugural mixer and First Annual Workshop tomorrow

WHAT NEXT FOR YOU?

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