

# CONSIDERATIONS IN PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH

## How will community be integrated into the research?

- Why do you want community supporting the project?
- What is the role of community within the project?
- How will you decide what roles community members have?
- Whose benefit does this research serve?
- How will you recruit community members?
- Where does power sit in this project - and how will you address that?

**Ask:** What do you think about involving community in research? How would you like to be involved?

**Ask potential participants:** What would help you better tell your story?

## How will community be supported?

- How will community be supported throughout the different stages of the project?
- How will you navigate ethical considerations when working with community?
- How might pre-existing relationships with participants impact the research?
- If the research touches difficult experiences, how will you hold that?

## What will partnerships within your project look like?

- How will you create and establish a partnership with community and their organisations? What will the partnership look like?
- How will roles and responsibilities for the partnership be established?
- What will be required of academic partners or researchers to engage and/or partner with community-based or peer-based organisations?
- Who will hold the funding?

## What learning will flow in both directions?

- What are researchers learning from community - and how will that be valued?
- What development in research methods, practices and ethics will be offered to community, without over-professionalising their approaches?
- Has enough time been built into project timelines for learning to happen throughout?
- Is there sufficient budget for this?
- How will you recognise and credit the expertise community already holds?

## What will co-design and input from community look like?

- Will community be involved beyond the consultation level?
- Will community be actively included at all stages of the project, from research question design through to dissemination?
- Is there enough budget for longer interviews, engagements and community payments?
- How will you address possible 'tokenising' of community members?
- How will you be clear in your expectations of your community?

## What would you like to do with your findings?

- Will you publish findings from your research in academic journals?
- Who gets named on outputs? Whose voices are centred in the write-up?
- Will you need to obtain research ethical clearance from the community?
- How will you share your findings with the community?
- Is the community able to take sustainable action based on the findings?
- Who owns the data, and decides what happens to it? Can community withdraw their data or collectively say 'this doesn't represent us'?