



Exploring participatory data analysis: A one-day workshop

Thursday 20th June, 2024, 10.00-16.00

Room 113, Teaching and Learning Centre, Durham University, DH1 3LS, UK

Facilitators: Tina Cook, Sarah Banks and Jane Springett

This one-day workshop is a collaboration between Durham University's Centre for Social Justice and Community Action and the UK Participatory Research Network. Facilitated by experienced participatory researchers, it will provide the opportunity to focus on data analysis in participatory research - sharing experiences and experimenting with approaches.

Participatory research (PR) is a form of enquiry that has moved beyond researching *on* to researching *with* the people affected by an issue. The primary underlying assumption of PR is that participation on the part of those whose lives or work are the subject of the study fundamentally affects all aspects of the research.

Whilst there is now a vast literature describing and discussing participatory research, and a growing resource of participatory methods for data generation, accounts of participatory data analysis (PDA) are generally noticeably brief or even lacking. Is PDA, as one researcher has asked, just a 'step too far?'

In this one-day workshop we will explore:

- Understandings of PDA: What is it? Who does it? What is it for? Why is it done/not done?
- What does PDA look like and what can it look like?
- How the principles and values of PR shape the PDA process.
- Situating PDA in the research design.
- Trust/validity and rigour in PDA.

Participants will discuss the concept of PDA and be introduced to practices that can be used to develop spaces for PDA. With opportunities to contribute to building shared learning during the day, the intention is that we will all go away with greater knowledge about, and confidence to develop, ways of meaning-making through participatory practices.

The workshop is suitable for academics, postgraduate researchers and members of community organisations with experience of, or interest in, participatory research.

This workshop has been funded through Research England's Participatory Research Funding via Durham University, and is organised by the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, Durham University.

The training is free, but booking is essential. Places are limited so early booking is advised.

Please book [here](#). Closing date Friday 31 May 2024.

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Further details of facilitators

The facilitators are active members of the UK Participatory Research Network (UKPRN) and International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research (ICPHR) and co-authors of a leading text on participatory research: Abma, T., Banks, S., Cook, T., Dias, S., Madsen, W., Springett, J. and Wright, M. *Participatory Research for Health and Social Well-Being* (Springer, 2019).

Tina Cook is co-convenor of the UKPRN and is Honorary Professor in the Department of Disability and Education, Liverpool Hope University. At the core of her work is a focus in on inclusive practice in research. Her methodological approach centres on ways of fore-fronting voices of those directly involved in a situation as a means of improving the quality of their lives.

Sarah Banks is co-convenor of the UKPRN, Professor in the Department of Sociology and co-founder of the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action at Durham University, UK. She has a particular interest in community development and practical ethics, convenes the ethics working group of the ICPHR and is co-editor of *Ethics in Participatory Research for Health and Social Well-being* (Routledge, 2019) and *Co-producing Research: A Community Development Approach* (Policy Press, 2019).

Jane Springett is Emeritus Professor in the School of Public Health and Centre for Healthy Communities at the University of Alberta, Canada. She is co-author with Margaret Ledwith of *Participatory Practice: Community Based Action for Transformative Change 2nd Edition* (Policy Press, 2022). A participatory researcher for over 30 years, she has worked with a wide variety of communities and is grateful for the learning and wisdom they have shared, in particular the indigenous communities of Canada.