



The UK Participatory Research Network embraces the philosophy, principles and potential of participatory research. Our aim is to share and develop our skills, knowledge and understanding of participatory research and contribute to its development. <https://ukprn.weebly.com>

## Next Meeting

### Quality in participatory research: what counts and why?

Participatory researchers often find that the epistemology of our research can create challenges when trying to navigate spaces within more traditional research systems. When parties (for instance funding bodies or ethics committees) have different expectations of what trustworthy research will look like it is important for participatory researchers to be able to articulate what makes this type of research trustworthy – what makes it a vital element for understanding social issues and creating change. This meeting will offer us spaces to consider this issue to help us articulate the quality of our work.

**Date and Time:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, 10.30 for 11am – 3.30 pm

**Venue:** Rm 407, top floor [The Calman Learning Centre - Durham University](#) DH1 3LE. This has panoramic views over the city of Durham, including the cathedral. See below for travel information.

**NB** This is an 'in person' meeting only - there will be no recording or Zoom/Teams link.

**Cost** To cover 2 x hot drinks and a sandwich lunch.

- waged participants £25
- unwaged doctoral students £15
- unwaged community members £5.

**Booking essential** <https://pay.durham.ac.uk/event-durham/quality-in-participatory-research-what-counts-and-why>

### Outline Programme for the Day

#### 10.30 Arrival and refreshments

#### 11.00 Introductions, scene-setting on the theme of quality in PR

- Introductory exercise to meet each other
- Recap of UKPRN rationale
- Introduction to theme of day: Quality issues and dilemmas in participatory research. Why it is an issue? (UKPRN co-ordinating committee members).

## **11.40 Sharing experiences relevant to quality in PR: Small group discussions**

Think of an example of a dilemma, challenge or issue that has arisen for you regarding quality in PR. The example should be drawn from your own experience and relate to a situation where a challenging question was raised, or a difficult decision had to be made that is relevant to the theme of quality in PR. Only share an example about which you are comfortable talking and anonymise the other people who are mentioned.

Briefly share your examples in the group. Don't worry if you don't have one.

Discuss the key issues raised by these examples and decide which example might be a good one to focus on for the afternoon dilemmas café session.

Choose an example that is relevant to the theme, that resonates with other members of the group, that might have potential for further exploration and check that the example-giver is willing for it to be examined further.

## **12.15 Noting the three examples: Plenary session**

The chosen examples from each group are briefly recounted and noted on the whiteboard. The example-givers are allocated a table and facilitator. Participants are asked to consider which group they wish to join after lunch.

## **12.30 Lunch**

### **1.30 Dilemmas Cafe: small table dialogues**

1. Participants choose one example to work on and join that example-giver for a small group dialogue around a table with a facilitator.
2. The example-giver offers a longer account of the situation – who, what, where, why, when.
3. Participants ask any factual questions for clarification.
4. Dialogue focusing on this example considering:
  - a) What are the issues at stake here?
  - b) What counts as quality in this example?
  - c) What alternative options might there be/have been for resolving/acting on the challenge/issue/dilemma?
  - d) What can we learn by exploring this example about quality in PR and does it offer any useful insights in relation to the other examples given?

## **2.30 Brief feedback from each group and discussion of further actions on this topic**

### **3.00 UKPRN Business for discussion with members:**

- Suggestions for next meeting topic and venue
- Developing the network, including website, communication
- Monies
- AOB from the floor

## **3.30 Close**

**BOOKING:** If you would like to book a place for the meeting on the 21 June 2024 please complete this form: <https://pay.durham.ac.uk/event-durham/quality-in-participatory-research-what-counts-and-why>

Please email [s.j.banks@durham.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.banks@durham.ac.uk) if you have **any special requirements** or **if you intend to bring something to display**.

**Venue:** [The Calman Learning Centre - Durham University](#), Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3LE. The venue is a 30 minute walk from Durham Railway Station, as shown on this map: [Durham \(DHM\) to Calman Learning Centre • Durham University - Google Maps](#)

You can take a taxi from the northbound platform of the station. You can catch a bus from the bus station in North Road below the railway station. If you wish to take a bus, you can take bus service 6, 56, 57, 58, 59, X12 or PR2 to the New Inn-Church Street stop. Cross the road and walk with the Bill Bryson Library on your left. Turn left and pass the front of the library, walking diagonally towards the Calman Learning Centre, which looks like this:



**Parking:** There is no car parking at the Centre. Please call 0191 3346002 or email [car.parking@durham.ac.uk](mailto:car.parking@durham.ac.uk) in advance if you need a disabled parking space. Otherwise, if travelling by car from outside the University, we suggest you park at the Howlands Farm Park and Ride. <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/22364/Howlands-Farm-Park-and-Ride> In order to be able to park there, you need to pay £2.20 for a bus journey. You do not need to use the bus unless you want to, as it's only a 7-minute walk downhill. If you wish, you can go one stop on the bus to the South Road Colleges, and walk downhill to the Centre (turning to your right into the University Campus after the Ogden Centre, or two stops to Church Street and walk back up a little into the University Campus past the Library to find the Centre diagonally to your left after the University Library.

**Want to find out more about the Network?** Please go to <https://ukprn.weebly.com> or contact one of the following:

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