

ICRPS Participatory Research

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Present scenarios illustrating dilemmas that emerge in participatory research, ask them to discuss responses, give mine as examples in the end.

Potential topics

- Site selection
- Entry
- Focus
- Approaches and techniques
- Internal conflicts
- Managing information
- Ethics
- Withdrawal
- Career and institutional context

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Potential topics

- Selection
 - Scholarship vs. Media hype
 - NRE selection
 - Select on drivers not outcomes (dangers of post hoc analysis)
 - More important with small samples (strategic sampling)
- Entry
 - How do I make contact? making contact
 - Establishing a relationship
 - How much do I reveal about my role?
 - Who do I contact?
 - How do I select informants and events (sampling)
 - Initiation, request, formal or informal, extent of involvement
 - requests/needs; problem-solving
 - Lower North Shore
- Focus: What information do I collect?
 - Challenges from community members: Hussar
 - What are useful research questions
 - How do I manage competing objectives (e.g. scholarship and community objectives)
- How do I do it?
 - Which are the most appropriate techniques to use?
 - How do I record the information?
 - How do I analyze the information?
 - Survey for activism: Penticton
- How do I deal with internal conflicts and crises
 - Hussar – Community and Hutterites
- How do I manage information in a responsible manner
 - NRE – held in trust for community
 - Individual vs. aggregated levels
- How do I appropriately withdraw from the community
 - Continuing communication
 - ‘Translation’ of research materials
 - Flyers, radio, booklets, local media, meetings, festivals
- Career and institutional context
 - Conflicting demands
 - Time consuming
 - Unpredictable
 - Costly – challenges institutional criteria (e.g. travel and daycare; job time substitution)