



Resources on Participatory Methods



The **Participation Resource Centre** can be found in the Upper Octagon at IDS. Two interlinked rooms host over 5,000 resources on participatory development from around the world. These resources (books, articles, guides, toolkits, DVDs) span sectors, methodologies and critiques. Much of the literature is unpublished and not easily accessible elsewhere. The Centre is open 9.30am to 5pm weekdays and someone is usually on hand to help Tuesdays - Thursdays. There are comfortable chairs and tea and coffee making facilities.

The **participatory methods website** (www.participatorymethods.org) was launched in 2013. It offers easy access to information and literature about participatory methods along with updates of activities, publications and resources, events, stories and reflections. It also hosts the details of all the resources in the Centre (see the Resources section). Some of these are downloadable, others we hope to make available in the near future. For those currently unavailable electronically: you can either find them in the Centre if you visit, go to the source/publisher (listed in the details), or email J.Stevens@ids.ac.uk for a copy.

What follows are a selection of our resources on participatory methods: they are just a few favourites, there are many more available and most can be downloaded from the above website.

Participatory Methods

The Power of Maps: bringing the third dimension to the negotiation table

Clare Pedrick. 2016. Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA)
<http://publications.cta.int/en/publications/publication/1943/>

Participation Pays: pathways for post-2015

Tom Thomas and Pradeep Narayanan. 2015. Practical Action Publishing, UK.

Citizen Participation and Accountability for Sustainable Development

Danny Burns et al. 2015. IDS. Download:

[http://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/123456789/5995/Citizen Particip Report .pdf?sequence=1](http://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/123456789/5995/Citizen_Particip_Report_.pdf?sequence=1)

Time to Listen: A discussion guide

Eric Dietrich et al. 2015. Download:

<http://www.participatorymethods.org/sites/participatorymethods.org/files/Time-to-Listen-A-Discussion-Guide.pdf>

Participatory Action Research in Health Systems: a methods reader

Loewenson, Rene et al. 2014. Download:

<http://www.equinetfrica.org/bibl/docs/PAR%20Methods%20Reader2014%20for%20web.pdf>

Digital Storytelling: Capturing lives, creating community

Joe Lambert. 2013. Routledge.

Who Counts? The power of participatory statistics

Edited by Jeremy Holland. 2013. Practical Action Publishing. ISBN 978 1 85339 772 1.

www.practicalactionpublishing.org

Paradigms, poverty and adaptive pluralism

Robert Chambers. 2010. IDS Working Paper No.344. Download: www.ids.ac.uk/go/idspublication/paradigms-poverty-and-adaptive-pluralism-rs

Who Counts? The Quiet Revolution of Participation and Numbers

Chambers, R. 2007. IDS Working Paper 296. Download: www.ids.ac.uk/idspublication/who-counts-the-quiet-revolution-of-participation-and-numbers

Tools Together Now! 100 participatory tools to mobilise communities for HIV/AIDS

International HIV/AIDS Alliance, 2006. Download: www.aidsalliance.org/publicationsdetails.aspx?id=229

All Together Now! Community mobilisation for HIV/AIDS.

International HIV/AIDS Alliance. 2006. Download: www.aidsalliance.org/publicationsdetails.aspx?id=228

Springs of Participation: creating and evolving methods for participatory development

Edited by Karen Brock and Jethro Pettit. 2005. Practical Action Publishing. ISBN 1 85339 647 2

Participatory approaches: a facilitator's guide

Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO). 2004. Download: www.participatorymethods.org/resource/participatory-approaches-facilitators-guide

Participatory Workshops

By Robert Chambers. 2002. Earthscan. ISBN 1 85383 863 2

A New Weave of Power, People and Politics

by Lisa VeneKlasen and Valerie Millar. 2002. Download (some of the chapters, or order) from www.justassociates.org/en/resources/new-weave-power-people-politics-action-guide-advocacy-and-citizen-participation

Embracing participation in development: wisdom from the field

by Shah, Meera Kaul Kambou, Sarah Gednan, Monahan, Barbara. 1999. Download: www.participatorymethods.org/resource/embracing-participation-development-wisdom-field

Participation Works! 21 Techniques of Community Participation for the 21st Century.

New Economics Foundation. 1998. Download: www.neweconomics.org/publications/entry/participation-works

Whose Reality Counts: putting the first last

By Robert Chambers. 1997. ITDG Publishing. ISBN 1 85339 386X

Participatory Video: a practical guide to using video creatively in group development work

Jackie Shaw and Clive Robertson. 1997. Routledge.

Participatory Learning and Action: A trainer's guide

Jules Pretty et al. 1995. IIED. ISBN 1 8998 2500 2

PLA (formally PLA Notes), produced by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). Sixty-five thematic issues of this practitioner-based journal are downloadable at: www.planotes.org

Participation Websites

www.participatorymethods.org The website of the Participation Cluster at IDS. It has sections on: plan, monitor and evaluate; learn and empower; research and analyse; communicate; facilitate; methods and ideas as well as electronic access to the Participation Resource Centre and news items.

www.powercube.net/ This website is a resource for understanding power relations in efforts to bring about social change. Set up by the Participation team at IDS it offers ways of understanding power, practical ways to address power issues and lots of useful resources.

www.iapad.org (integrated approaches to participatory development) is the source for participatory GIS and participatory 3-D modelling, including innovation in practising ethically conscious community mapping and participatory GIS as a means to add value and authority to people's spatial knowledge and improve bottom-up communication. There is material in 12 languages.

www.ppgis.net This is the electronic forum on participatory use of geo-spatial information systems and technologies including GIS applications, GIS planning, GIS education and GIS map data

www.reflect-action.org This is the website for *Reflect*, a now very widespread innovative approach to adult learning and social change, which fuses the theories [Paulo Freire](#) with [participatory methodologies](#). In English, Portuguese, Spanish and French.

www.insightshare.org/ Insightshare (PV) website which is all about using Participatory Video (PV). Insight work with communities to enhance local knowledge and shift power balances through community-led PV projects. Website includes PV information, resources and training opportunities.

<http://betterevaluation.org/> An international collaboration to improve evaluation practice and theory by sharing and generating information about options (methods or processes) and approaches. Offers lots of practical options and resources.

www.intrac.org/ INTRAC aim to support and strengthen civil society worldwide. Their website offers information, resources, training and services.

www.transformivestory.org This site is all about transformative storytelling for social change. Comprising an on-line handbook, it also offers reflections, practical experiences, resources and methodological guidance on transformative creative and visual storytelling methods.



<http://www.reality-check-approach.com/bangladesh.html> Website detailing the 5 year Reality Check undertaken by GRM International on behalf of the Swedish Embassy in Dhaka. Their primary aim was to provide information about how development aid support for the Health and Education Sectors in Bangladesh was actually being understood and experienced by poor people.

<http://storycenter.org/> The website of the Centre for Digital Storytelling who partner with organizations around the world to develop programs which support individuals in rediscovering how to listen to each other and share first person stories.

www.participedia.net/ This website comprises a global community of democracy researchers, practitioners and interested citizens who share information on democratic innovations from around the world. It offers information on case studies, methods, organisations and enables to viewer to contribute their own ideas and experiences.

The above websites are just a handful – there are many, many more excellent sites out there for you to explore!


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