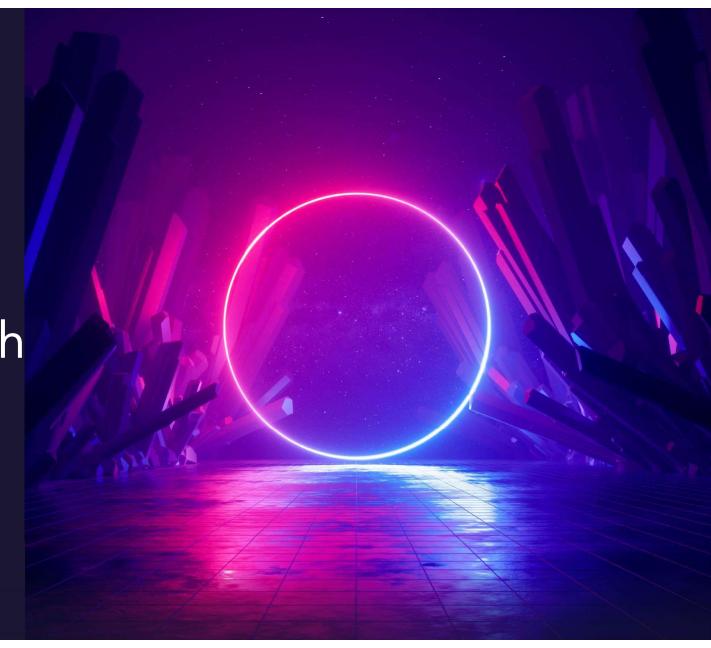
# Participatory Action Research

Training Exchange Day

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# Opening address and orientation

## Introduction, overview, icebreaker

## Participation in health systems

- Those affected involved in decisions, actions over health care
- Goals of radical transformation, social and political change / justice
- Long policy support. Renewed interest (coproduction, CEI, CAs)
- Many interpretations. Risks of elite capture. Policy ≠ practice

The people have the right and duty to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of their health care WHO, 1978

...community participation policies can become regressive, imposing greater risks and responsibilities upon more disadvantaged communities in return for lower levels of power Rolfe, 2018



### Participatory research

#### Theory

- Participatory research disrupts conventional subject-object separations in science
- Power is recognised and redistributed between researchers and participants

#### Practice

• "equal distribution of power is one of the greatest challenges of research methodology" (Shamrova and Cummings 2017)





## Applications in context







## Training Overview

#### Learning Outcomes

- 1. Describe participation in health as a concept
- 2. Appreciate contextual influences on participation
- 3. Relate case examples building participation
- 4. Develop practical insights into PAR methods and tools, including ethical considerations
- Translate key PAR processes for application in context

#### Activities

- Participant recruitment, ethical considerations
- Data collection, analysis ethical considerations
- Facilitation role plays
- Building learning crosscontexts
- Vox-pops, 'products'

## Learning Principles

- 1. We have a 'safe to fail' learning environment, promoting peer-learning and exchange
- 2. We prioritise **synergies** between research teams working across diverse contexts
- 3. We promote and advance **South-South** learning and exchange
- 4. We foster **equitable partnerships** in global health research









#### CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This certifies that

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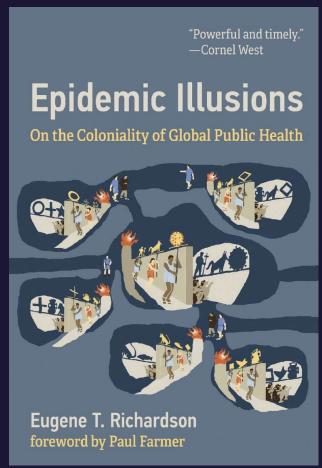
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## Critical global public health Develop critical thinking in safe spaces

"Critical thinking is among the first causes for change (personal and social), but is a pariah in schools -for no other reason than it conditions the mind to suspect the form and function of everything it sees, including your classroom and everything being taught in it"



### Ice Breaker

 Who are we? Name, institution, role with NIHR/IPAR, expectations for Training Day

What unites us?
 Embracing/expanding diversity.
 Areas of connection, areas of difference



## Any Questions?

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