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Monthly Newsletter

The Participatory Research Newsletter

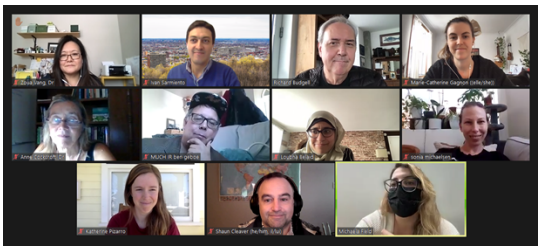
This monthly newsletter aims to highlight the participatory research initiatives emerging from *Participatory Research @ McGill* (PRAM), and *Community Information, Empowerment and Transparency* (CIET), as well as share new opportunities for projects, courses, funding, and more!

A Month in Review

An ever busy team, below are a few updates from the PRAM/CIET network.

Monthly Meeting

Northern Research Review



The PRAM team unites monthly to provide project updates, present research protocols, practice dissertations defences, and more.

This month, a mini-symposium of researchers conducting participatory health research alongside Inuit communities in Northern Canada. Thank you to Professor Richard Budgell for chairing the event, as well as speakers Drs Zoua Vang, Faiz Ahmad Khan, Sarah Fraser, Iván Sarimento, Loubna Belaid, and Hilah Silver PhD(c) for their informative presentations.

Project Updates

Adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Bauchi State, Nigeria

Training and field practice for fuzzy cognitive mapping is underway, with two exciting innovations!

Young facilitators and reporters are learning to conduct FCM with adolescents themselves, including girls and boys as young as 10 years old. A setup of handsets, cellular networks and zoom technology allows a PRAM team from Pakistan, Botswana and Canada to attend community FCM session remotely, supporting local supervisors.

Youth 10-14 years old FCM sessions

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - VIRTUAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

Safe birth in cultural safety – global experience can build local solutions in Quebec family medicine

March 18th, 2022 | 12:30PM EST | Zoom

Presenter: Dr. Neil Andersson

Safe birth is a family medicine concern everywhere, not least because medicalized pregnancy and childbirth can inadvertently exclude from care the very families who might need it most. Cultural safety is an outcome of respecting world views and cultures of minority groups. It involves questioning power imbalances to create a health care environment where everyone feels safe.

Professor Andersson presents lessons from participatory research towards safe birth in Nigeria, Uganda, Mexico, Nunavik and Ottawa. The international and northern work raises discussion points for cultural safety in family medicine in Quebec, and for those concerned with achievable anti-racist strategies in health care.

Registration details to follow.

Knowledge Translation

What is Participatory Research?

You may have heard the term "participatory research" used in various academic, clinical, or community settings, but what does it mean?

Participatory research is the science of partnerships underlying research that concerns itself with research governance and ownership, as well as the relationships behind research objectives and methods.

There are many different schools of participatory research; however, they are united by the same ethos, which is of research being conducted through respectful partnerships *with* people.

Three components of authentic participatory research

(Andersson, 2018)

Participatory research is *not* about researchers working *on*, *for*, or *about* people, with modern participatory research advocating for the systematic *co-creation* of new knowledge through equitable partnerships between researchers and those affected by the issue under study, or those who will benefit from or act on its result.

Want to learn more? Read on here.

Latest Publications

Highlighted below are some of the most recent publications from the industrious PRAM team:

Participatory health research under COVID-19 restrictions in Bauchi State, Nigeria: Feasibility of cellular teleconferencing for virtual discussions with community groups in a low-resource setting

Authors: Khalid Omer, Umaira Ansari, Amar Aziz, Khalid Hassan, Lami Aminati Bgeidam, Muhd Chadi Baba, Yagana Gidado, Neil Andersson & Anne Cockcroft

Communities and service providers address access to perinatal care in postconflict Northern Uganda: socialising evidence for participatory action

Authors: Loubna Belaid, Pamela Atim, Eunice Atim, Emmanuel Ochola, Martin Ogwang, Pontius Bayo, Janet Oola, Issac Woniyma Okello, Iván Sarmiento, Laura Rojas-Rozo, Kate Zinszer, Christina Zarowsky & Neil Andersson

Impact of game jam learning about cultural safety in Colombian medical education: a randomised controlled trial

Authors: Juan Pimentel, Neil Andersson & Anne Cockcroft

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