

Activity 2.3: Introducing Communities

Duration: 20-30 Minutes

Aims:

- To introduce and critique the concept of 'community'
- To identify the different kinds of communities we may collaborate with

Requirements:

Tables and chairs; computer and screen; post-its, pens, flip chart

Activities:

1. Slide 3: How might we define community? In small groups, invite participants to devise their own definitions of community. Invite them to share with the wider group.
2. Talk through Slides 4 and 5, providing a working definition of community and introducing different kinds of community. Invite participants to individually write a list of all of the types of community of which they are a member.
3. Using Slide 6, facilitate consideration of how different types of community might be more or less difficult to identify and engage in research and development.

Resources:

- Pods Training - Activity 2.3 - Resource - Introducing Communities.pdf

Facilitation notes:

- A key opportunity in this session is to break down the imagined divide between 'academic'/'professional' and 'community' to show how we are all members of diverse communities.
- Note: the final slide relates specifically to engaging with communities experiencing a significant crisis such as homelessness – a key cohort for PEAs in Pods.