

NORTH WEST UPDATE 2010 PROGRAMME

Community Research in Warrington: Linking Policy & Practice (Half Day)

Thursday 18th February 2010

Manchester Metropolitan University

Planners are required to involve the community in the planning process at different stages and different spatial scales. In particular, they must engage with a diversity of groups in the community, especially those who have been underrepresented in previous consultation exercises. To do this well, we have to balance how to engage people in ways that add real value (not just ticking the box), while not spending too much on a process that is long, expensive or uncomfortable.

This seminar discusses one approach to community engagement and consultation. Participatory Appraisal (PA) acknowledges that people are experts about their own areas. We will explore how PA principles and tools can bring local people's views and needs into the planning process, build capacity in local communities; and add significant value. Skilfully facilitated, PA has proved effective in urban and rural planning contexts around the world. Last year, the presenters developed teams of community researchers to support Area Planning in Warrington. They will discuss this work and demonstrate ways to change adversarial processes into successful partnerships in planning and regeneration.

There will be a PA exercise that will involve a short walk close to the University.



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PROGRAMME

Dr Scott Jones, Mind the Gap Research and Training and Chrissie Gibson, Connectivity Associates; hosted by Manchester Metropolitan University

- 12.30 pm Lunch**

- 1.00 pm Welcome and outline of the programme**

- 1.10 pm Introduction to Participatory Appraisal
Warrington case study
Q&A
PA exercise - Community mapping and timelines**

- 4.00 pm Debrief and Q & A**

- 4.30 pm Close**

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Please fill in the form below, indicating payment method preferred. (Cost **£45** per person +17½% VAT = **£52.87**).

Cancellations must be received at least 7 days before the event or may be subject to a £20 cancellation fee. No refund will be given for non-attendance but substitutions are acceptable at any time.

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