COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH

A COMMUNITY PARTNER GUIDE TO RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT

PRE-PROJECT

- How well do you know and trust your potential partner?
- Are time commitments/expectations clear?
- Is there a budget to compensate staff and potential participants?
- If you reached out to them – have you asked if the university has an administrative fee?
- What outcomes do you need from the research?

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Have you had input into the research questions?
- Will the research questions (if proposed to you by your university partner) lead to useful information?
- When do you need the answers to your questions?

DATA COLLECTION

- Is the research method and approach feasible?
- Do you have ideas for better/ more efficient data collection?
- Do you want/ need to be part of the data collection? If so, do you need training or resources?
- How much time is required?

DATA ANALYSIS

- Do you want to be involved in data analysis?
- How much time will this take?
- Remember - your unique experience is valuable. You might notice trends or get insights from the data your academic partner may miss
- Do you require training/resources to take part?

REPORTS + OUTPUTS

- Determine before starting the project the kind of outputs that will be most useful
- Develop a plan to get the results to the right people in a format/method that will be convincing
- Are you co-producing the outputs/developing the plan with your academic partner?
- Who will do what and when?