



Activity 1.2: Components of Participatory Action Research

Materials Needed

Answer key of terms and definitions (see Tool 1.1)
Papers with terms and definition (See Tool 1.2)
Sticky tack or tape

Key Terms

Organizing Goal
Research Questions
Sample
Quantitative Data
Qualitative Data
Secondary Data
Data Collection
Data Entry
Data Analysis
Data Report Back
Research Findings
Policy Recommendations
Report Release

Intended Participants

Members and Staff of your Organization

Time Needed

30 minutes

Purpose of Activity:

This activity will introduce participants to key terms of Participatory Action Research (PAR). It is also designed to give participants an understanding of the major components and timeline of a PAR project so that your organization and members understand the overall process of conducting PAR.

By the End of Activity Participants Will:

- Learn key terms associated with Participatory Action Research (PAR)
- Learn the major components and timeline of a PAR Project

Facilitator Instructions:

1. Before the training, print out each of the terms and definitions on a separate sheet of paper (see sample in Tool 1.1 and 1.2).
2. Prior to activity, attach the terms (just the terms not the definitions) to the wall in chronological order to form a research timeline.
3. At the beginning of the training, break trainees into 2-4 groups, and equally distribute the definitions amongst the groups.
4. Each group discusses and decides which definition matches which term and then places the definition under the term using the sticky tack or tape.
5. Once all terms are placed, bring all the groups back together and ask each group to read aloud the definitions they placed. Each group should explain why they matched the definition to the term.
6. If a definition is wrongly placed, ask the group if anyone has thoughts about whether the definition should be placed under a different term. If no one offers an alternative, correct the wrong answer and explain the definition to clear up the misunderstanding.
7. After all the definitions are placed under the correct terms, pass out the handout: PAR Timeline, and walk through each of the steps in the timeline with participants. Answer any questions that come up.