



Tool 1.5: Is Participatory Action Research Right for You?

Is Participatory Action Research Right for Your Organization or Community?	Yes	No
Is your organization or community actively organizing to change a policy or win a campaign OR are you developing an organizing campaign?		
Are you trying to learn more about the needs and issues in your community?		
Do you need more information to convince people that your campaign or issue is important?		
Is there a group of community members that will participate in designing the research?		
Is there a group of community members that will be involved in collecting data?		
Do you have enough people in your organization (staff, volunteers or members) to carry out a research project?		
Do you have enough resources (money, time, equipment) to carry out a research project?		

If you answered “yes” to most of the questions, then Participatory Action Research is right for your organization or community! If you answered “no” to most of the questions, then you may want to focus on other types work to achieve your organization or community’s goals.