



Re-imagining Research Relationships

Co-creating Knowledge in a
Democratic Society

5th Living Knowledge Conference,
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Gustav-Stresemann Institut Bonn, Germany

The conference addresses people active in or interested in community based and participatory research (citizens, researchers, students, civil society organisations, administrative officers, policy makers, research funders, etc.) and will explore ideas and discuss new strategies to build bridges between CSOs and research.

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the upcoming conference at

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The International Science Shop Network

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Conference objectives



- Evaluate strategies for embedding community engaged research in universities
- Strengthen the participative and empowering communication culture as a basis for healthy knowledge societies
- Influence international research policies and priorities
- Advance the way Science Shop like initiatives can engage CSOs and researchers in collaborative research activities
- Encouraging co-operative and partnership working
- Exchange, disseminate and evaluate results of the first half of the PERARES project
- Bring Science Shops to the policy agenda in Germany

Conference Themes:

- Setting shared research agendas by CSOs and Research
- The role of Higher Education in creating knowledge with communities
- Communities and students learning together
- Evaluation and quality improvement: New lessons learned on measuring the value of community engagement and collaborative research
- Developing partnership working for research – civil society engagement
- Policies to support collaborative research relationships

Within all themes we welcome both good practices and dead ends: the insights in mistakes made and lessons learned are equally important as success stories!

Expected Outcomes

- Reviewed and updated action plans for public engagement with researchers
- Strengthened exchange platform for projects under science in society calls and beyond
- Creation of new and strong links to other networks
- Examples of practice and training for new and emerging Science Shops. Additional examples and insights in good practices and lessons learned from mistakes
- Strengthened strategies for building community/researcher partnerships

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