Tools and Resources for Remote Community Engagement

RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

The following are resources and strategies to help you facilitate a variety of community engagement approaches as authentically, equitably, and effectively as possible while working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Youth Participatory Action Research (a.k.a. PAR, CBPR, etc.)

TIPS FOR FACILITATING YPAR REMOTELY – UC DAVIS CENTER FOR REGIONAL CHANGE & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

A set of recommendations created by CRC staff member Brandon Louie and CRC faculty affiliate Dr. Nancy Erbstein. While the focus is on youth participatory action research, it could easily be adapted and applied to work with adults and/or intergenerational teams engaged in action research or community-based participatory research (CBPR). Recommendations are aligned with the Community Futures, Community Lore YPAR resource site and the Stepping Stones toolkit from the CRC and the School of Education.

Civic Engagement & Community Outreach (e.g., participatory planning, public forums, etc.)

PIVOTING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DURING COVID-19 – THE URBAN INSTITUTE

Provides ideas for how and why to engage with communities during the pandemic, including tips for how to approach working with impacted communities and groups that serve them thoughtfully and intentionally.

PRACTICES FOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE TIME OF COVID – SALT LAKE CITY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Documents promising practices for civic engagement during shelter-in-place restrictions.

7 EMERGING TIPS FOR EQUITABLE DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT – AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Helpful tips for community outreach and engagement that center equity.
Meeting & Training Facilitation

**TIPS FOR CREATING AN INCLUSIVE VIRTUAL SPACE – THE ASPEN INSTITUTE**

Shares a number of considerations for designing and facilitating inclusive online gatherings. Some ideas are specific to the current pandemic, while others could be useful for in-person sessions as well.

**BEST PRACTICES FOR VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

Provides thoughtful practices for engaging community members in online training workshops and a variety of virtual forum settings. Has general tips and also organizes key ideas in checklists to aid planning and decision-making efforts.

Compilation Resource List

**COVID-19 - RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES – RACIAL EQUITY TOOLS**

While we tried to avoid sharing lists of other lists, we wanted to highlight this extensive compilation of resources to support racial equity and social justice efforts. Includes key information about racial disparities that have been heightened during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “Remote Work and Online Engagement” section contains links to a number of helpful resources supporting equitable online engagement and relationship building.

If you are currently working on a project involving online community engagement and have interest in discussing opportunities for training, technical assistance and/or partnership with the Center for Regional Change, please email our team at crcinfo@ucdavis.edu.