Our participatory approach

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Why did we take a participatory approach?

- Lived experience confers its own forms of knowledge and expertise
- People living on low incomes are typically excluded from debate about social security
- Participatory approaches can facilitate alternative narratives and new ideas
- The context – unprecedented. Made sense to work things out collaboratively.
What did we do?

- Underpinned by feminist ethics of care and reciprocity
- Online research platform and online diaries
- Big Question of the Week – topical video-elicited questions
- Big Ideas Group – online participatory discussion groups
- Arts based activities – zine making, writing, audio clips
- Dissemination and media – media training, peer support
Next week we will launch our final report and present key findings from Covid Realities. We'd love it if you could join us!

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What needs to change to embed participation?

- Covid Realities offers one lesson in what is possible – we can be more confident
- Increase awareness of the strengths and possibilities of participation
- Educate and train people and organisations in the approach
- Funders can be more open and supportive
- Create spaces and opportunities for participation – give up power

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