

# Research for Real World Problems



This course will introduce you to a way of doing research which will help you devise collaborative solutions to real world problems. It is called Participatory Action Research (PAR). When using PAR, research teams co-produce knowledge about real-world problems which are of interest to them. That knowledge is then used to generate solutions to those problems. The solutions can then be put into action and evaluated through further cycles of PAR. As such, PAR is an accessible form of research which has many potential applications both within and outside academia. Central to the philosophy of PAR are appreciation of diversity and of multiple perspectives on the issue or problem under investigation; shared responsibilities, power and decision-making; and participants learning with and from each other.

The course will cover the philosophy, principles and practice of PAR. You will learn the relevant terminology; how to plan a PAR project; the ethics of PAR; methods and skills for data generation and analysis; how to implement solutions; and how to report findings to relevant audiences. The emphasis will be on active learning in a practical workshop environment that engages with participatory methods.

The course will be delivered via a one-day workshop. There is also an option to include three or five hours of 1:1 mentoring with one of our academics to support you in conducting your PAR projects out in the real world. This can be selected when booking or after the workshop. PAR can be used to address problems in businesses, charity and third-sector organisations, youth and voluntary organisations, and schools and colleges. If your organisation has a problem it needs to solve in collaboration with your workforce and stakeholders, then this is the course for you.

## Delivery

Face to Face at Hope Park Campus, Liverpool L16 9JD.

## Date

November, February, June.

## Audience

Businesses, Charity and Third-Sector Organisations, Youth and Voluntary Organisations, Schools and Colleges.

## Cost

One day workshop: £215\*

One day workshop plus 3 hours of 1:1 mentoring: £473\*

One day workshop plus 5 hours of 1:1 mentoring: £645\*

## How to apply

To apply or for more information please contact:

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