

Community Reporter Training



ON OUR
RADAR



**Things that Stop People
Taking Part**

Part 2

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We need to understand the things that stop people when they are trying to be heard on the matters that affect their lives. Things that stop people from doing this are called barriers.

Introduction



There are barriers that communities face when sharing information and these can stop people from speaking out and being heard.

We will talk about these next.



We believe we can get through these barriers by listening to communities and giving them a chance to speak up.

Getting On the Internet



Connectivity means how connected people are to the internet.



A lot of the world is now online, but the internet is available to less than half of the people in the world.

In the UK many people still do not have internet at home.



Many disabled people are not able to use internet or technology.

There has been little effort to make the tools easy to use or teach people how to use them.



As lots of information is now shared online we should make sure people with no internet are not left out.



We can use mobile phones to help people link up so that they can share their stories.



Activity

Do you think using mobile phones and computers is easy or hard?

Are there any mobile tools or websites that you want to use but have not been able because they are hard to use?

Trusting and Believing



We need to believe things can change.



It can be hard for people to believe that sharing their stories will change anything.



Communities do not trust those who give people labels and use their words against them or use their stories without asking them first or telling them what happens.



It can take a long time to build trust and belief things can change.

Community reporting is a great place to start.



Activity

Can you think of a time when you've felt a real lack of trust?

What happened?

Did anything help to change your mind?

Did it stop you from taking part?

Feeling Good and Strong



Communities have lots of important information but many people do not know how to share it.



People may have felt ignored in the past or feel that they do not have the right support to say what they want to say.



People might not tell their story because they feel scared or not listened to.



When people do not see themselves in the media or in a powerful job in the community it can make them feel left out.



Activity

What helps you to feel happy and to be yourself?

If you have people around you at home or work ask them the same question.

Being Able



We need to help more people tell their stories.



We help people by teaching reporting skills and how to write stories.

This can help make better stories and keep people safe.



When teaching communities to tell their story we must remember people learn in different ways.



Take the time to understand what people need to learn. Find the right tools and training to help.



Activity

What do you think are the most important skills for your communities to learn in this project?

Craft



Craft means having skills that can turn stories into something that could be shown on the television or radio.



Technology has got better over time.
But not all of us are ready to make reports that could be shown on the BBC news.



Helping people develop craft and skills can raise the chances of that story reaching the most viewers.



It can be useful to work with people who have worked in media so they can help people to tell their stories through video or sound.



Activity

If you could work with
a video producer
an audio or podcast producer
or a graphic designer
who would you choose and
why?

Looking at a Project by Groundswell

Groundswell

Out of homelessness

This is the Groundswell microsite where you read the stories from the community reporters:

microsites.onourradar.org/covid19/

Groundswell

Out of homelessness

Here is an animation from Steve:

microsites.onourradar.org/covid19/?p=1491

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And one from Paul:

microsites.onourradar.org/covid19/?p=1493