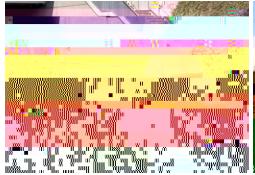
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## Participatory PAR/PAR

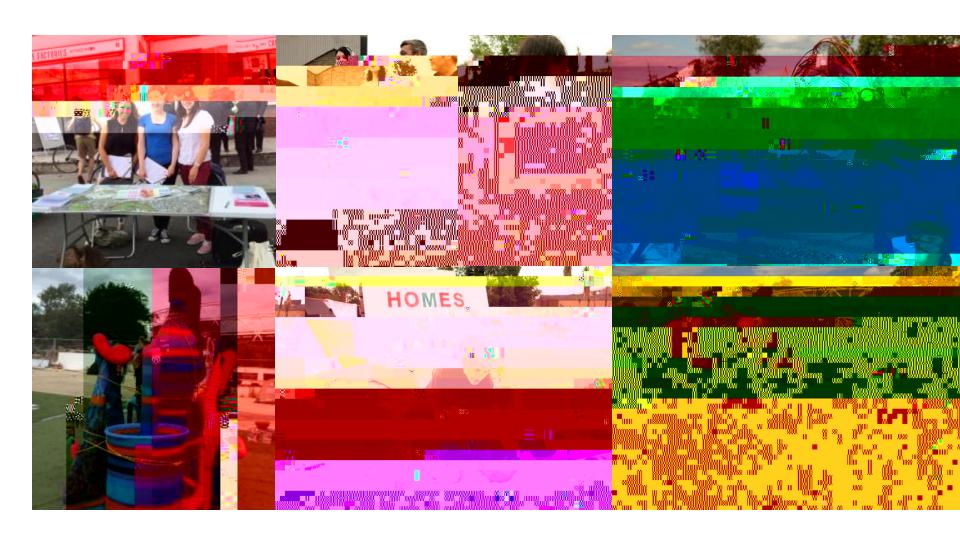
#### Participatory Action Research

- it is driven by participants (a group of people who have a stake in the issue being researched), rather than an outside sponsor, funder or academic
- it offers a democratic model of who can produce, own and use knowledge
- it is collaborative at every stage, involving discussion, pooling skills and working together
- it is intended to result in some action, change or improvement on the issue being researched
- Follows a Cycle: *Planning, Action, Reflection, Evaluation*
- PAR is an approach not a method;

#### Methods & Practice

- 1. Governance and stakeholder mapping
- 2. Walking and static interviews Map walks, cycles; route maps

#### Hackney Wick & Fish Island Connected Communities Festival

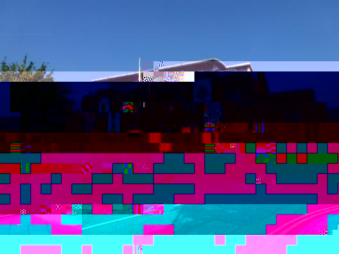






# Cultural Mapping Using visualisation and participation to capture uses and perceptions of space

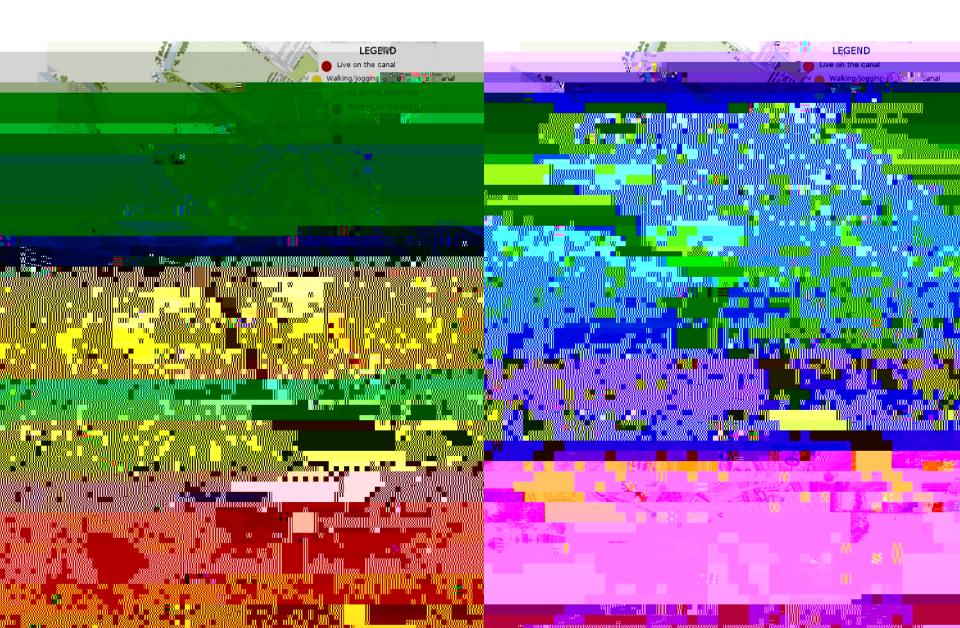




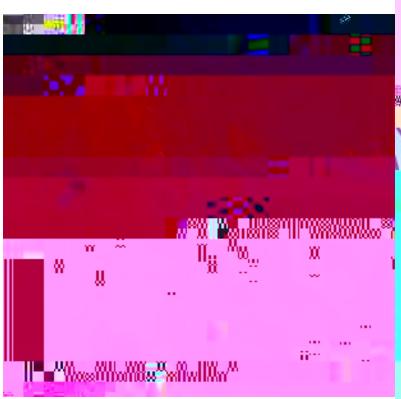


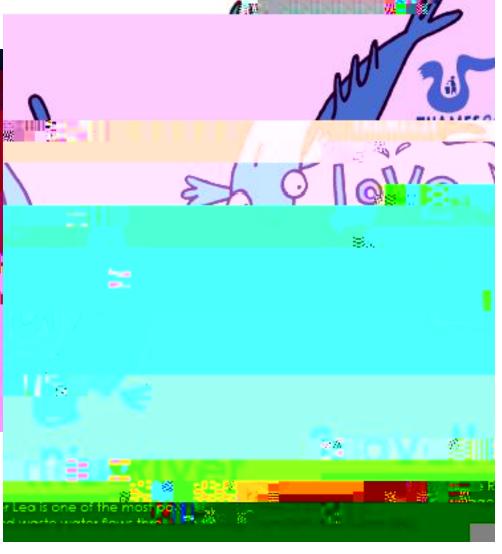


## Mapping Analysis

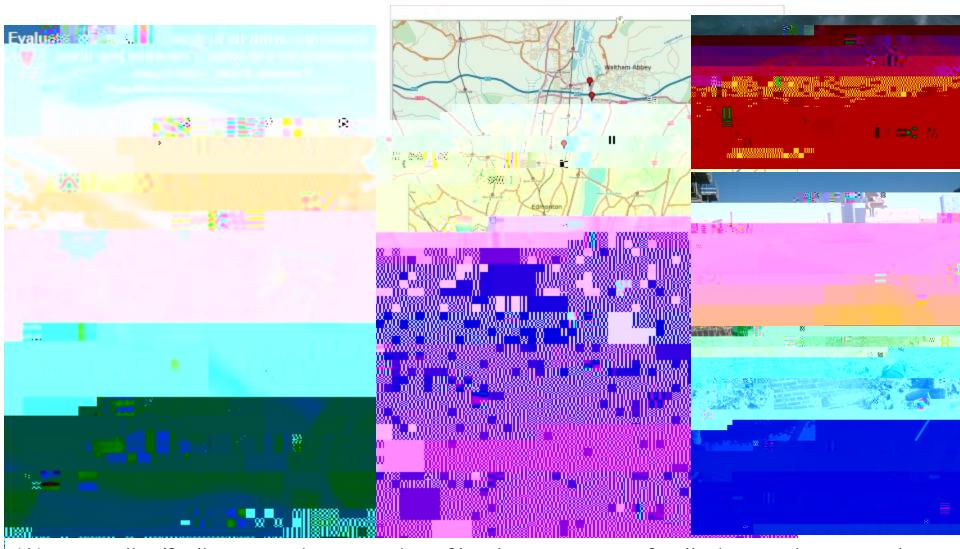


The river Lea is one of the most polluted rivers in the UK. Recent storm water surges (after a long dry spell) washed pollutants from the roads into the Lea killing hundreds if not thousands of fish (the pollutant depriving the fish of oxygen)...



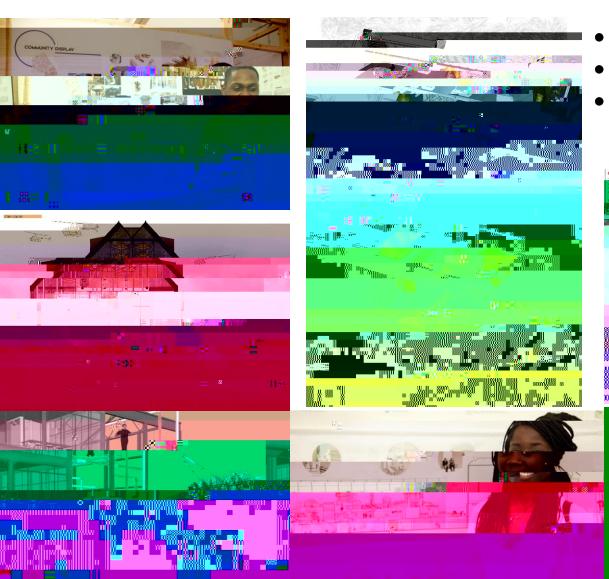


## Water & Sediment quality sampling



Water quality/Sediment testing, mapping of land-use, sources of pollution, environmental impacts and community engagement (site catchments); touring exhibition and visualisation of results

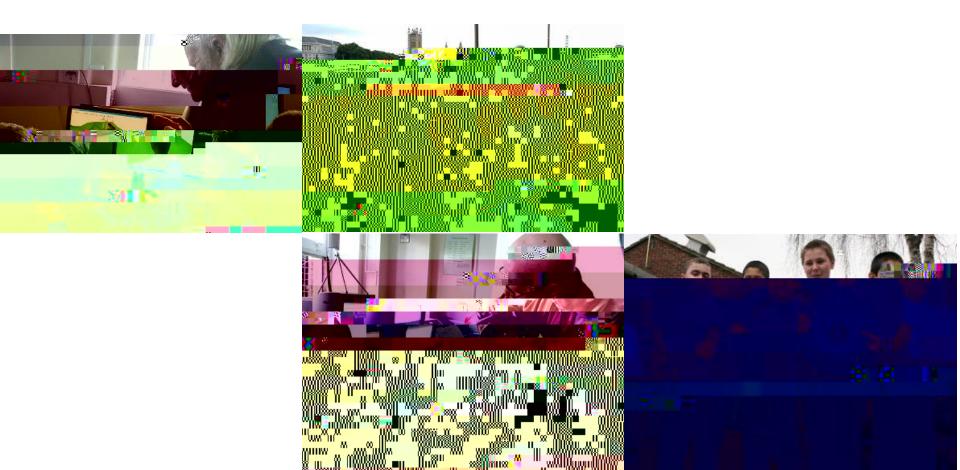
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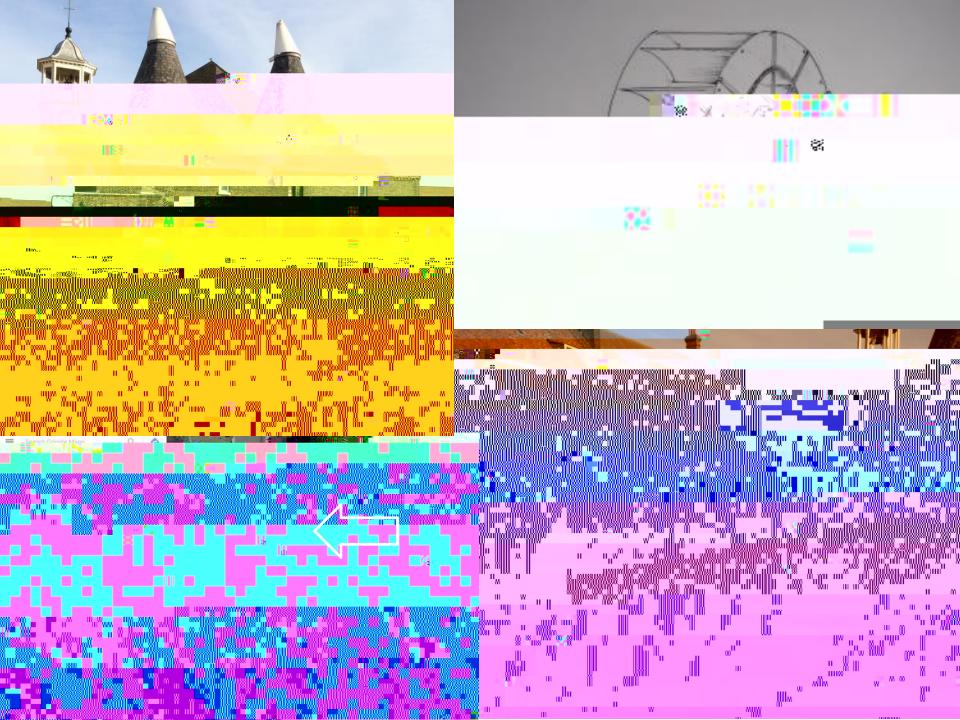


- 2nd & 3rd year projects
- Exhibition @ Hub 67 Centre

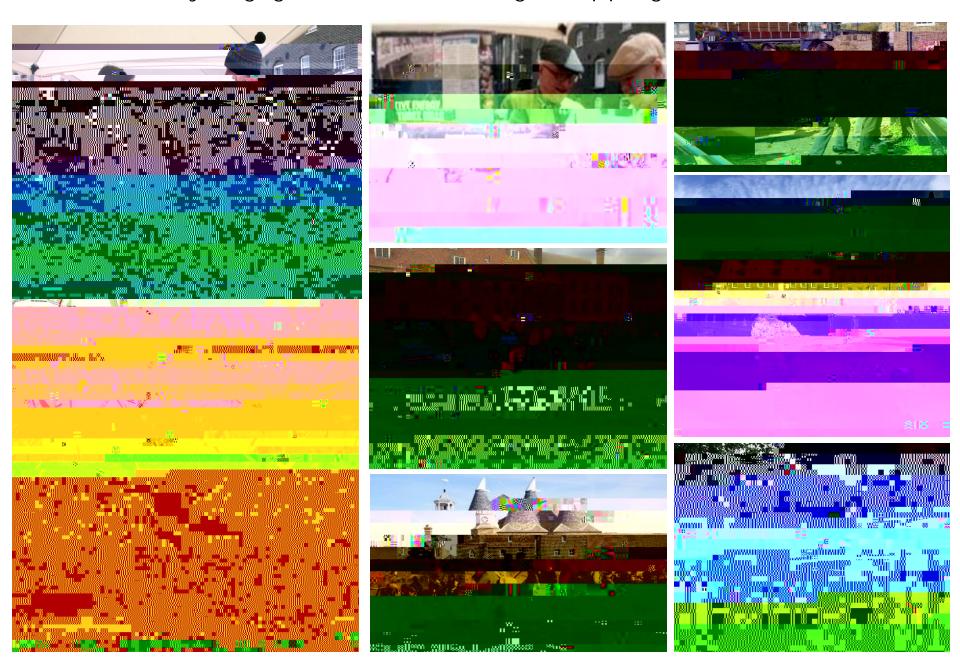


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#### Community engagement and heritage mapping at Three Mills



#### Phase II

Water Turbine redesigned and relocated to Aquatic Centre; Workshops with Bow School and launch in Olympic Park



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### Questions

