

## Challenges of youth participation in participatory action research: methodological considerations of the Paamiut Youth Voice research project

Paamiut Youth Voice (PYV) is a Participatory Action Research (PAR) project, exploring youth perceptions, experiences, and the promotion of well-being in Paamiut, Greenland. Active youth participation remained a key challenge in the development of the local community through the locally initiated community mobilisation programme Paamiut Asasara. The challenges of youth participation in PYV are investigated in order to explore the implications of youth participation in PAR projects. The discussion of challenges is based on a methodological account of experiences from the research process clarifying how youth participation in the PYV project took place. Results are presented, concerning the young people's understandings and experiences of engagement and participation.

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## A social action learning approach to community resilience: "Our sharing of thoughts and feelings, our respect and trust should be passed on to the next generation"

In Paamiut in Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland) a community mobilisation programme has been launched as a response to a history of violence, suicides, drug abuse, and child neglect. The overall goal of the programme is to strengthen community resilience, psychosocial well-being and revitalisation of the culture through promotion of locally formulated values and resources, shared activities, mobilisation of social networks, job opportunities and options for entrepreneurship. One of the main goals is to prevent child neglect through a specific programme for young mothers. The chapter describes and analyses the development of concepts, interaction, and social action in the group of young mothers.

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