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Communities of Inquiry as an Intermediary between Top-Down and Bottom-Up

Experiences from a case study in Germany

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Background

- Case study in Esslingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany
- Setting: Neighborhood Mettingen-Brühl-Weil
- Participants: professionals from different sectors and stakeholders from the neighborhood, young residents from the neighborhood
- Aim: exchange perspectives and integrate what we jointly found out into municipal health promotion

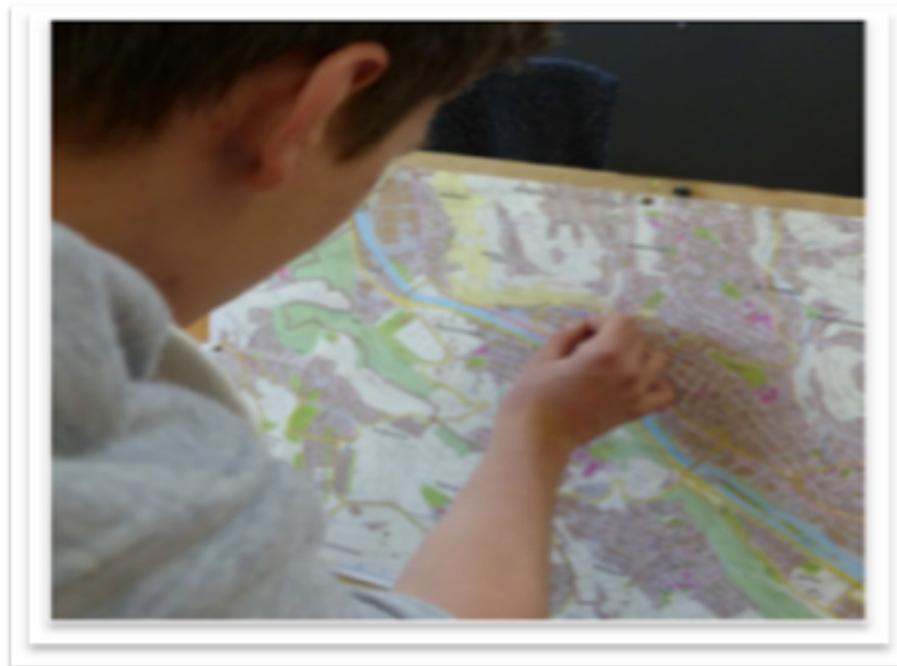


working hypothesis

- Successful collaboration within municipal health promotion strategies requires a forum for exchange and reflection
- This forum has to bridge top-down and bottom-up perspectives

Action-orientated Aim

- promote the health of youth in their living environment
- create framework conditions for their participation
- empower them to shape their environment



participant	sex	age	contact from
1	♀	15	Ministry
2	♂	15	Youth centre
3	♂	17	Youth centre
4	♂	16	Ministry
5	♂	15	Ministry
6	♂	17	Ministry
7	♂	16	Youth centre
8	♂	16	Youth centre
9	♂	15	Youth centre

Research process with the youth

1. Training: health and research
28.07.16



2. Data collection: summer holidays 16



3. Workshop: group discussion 08.09.16



4. Data preparation (University of applied sciences Esslingen)



5. Workshop: participatory evaluation 03.11.16

1. Training- Impressions



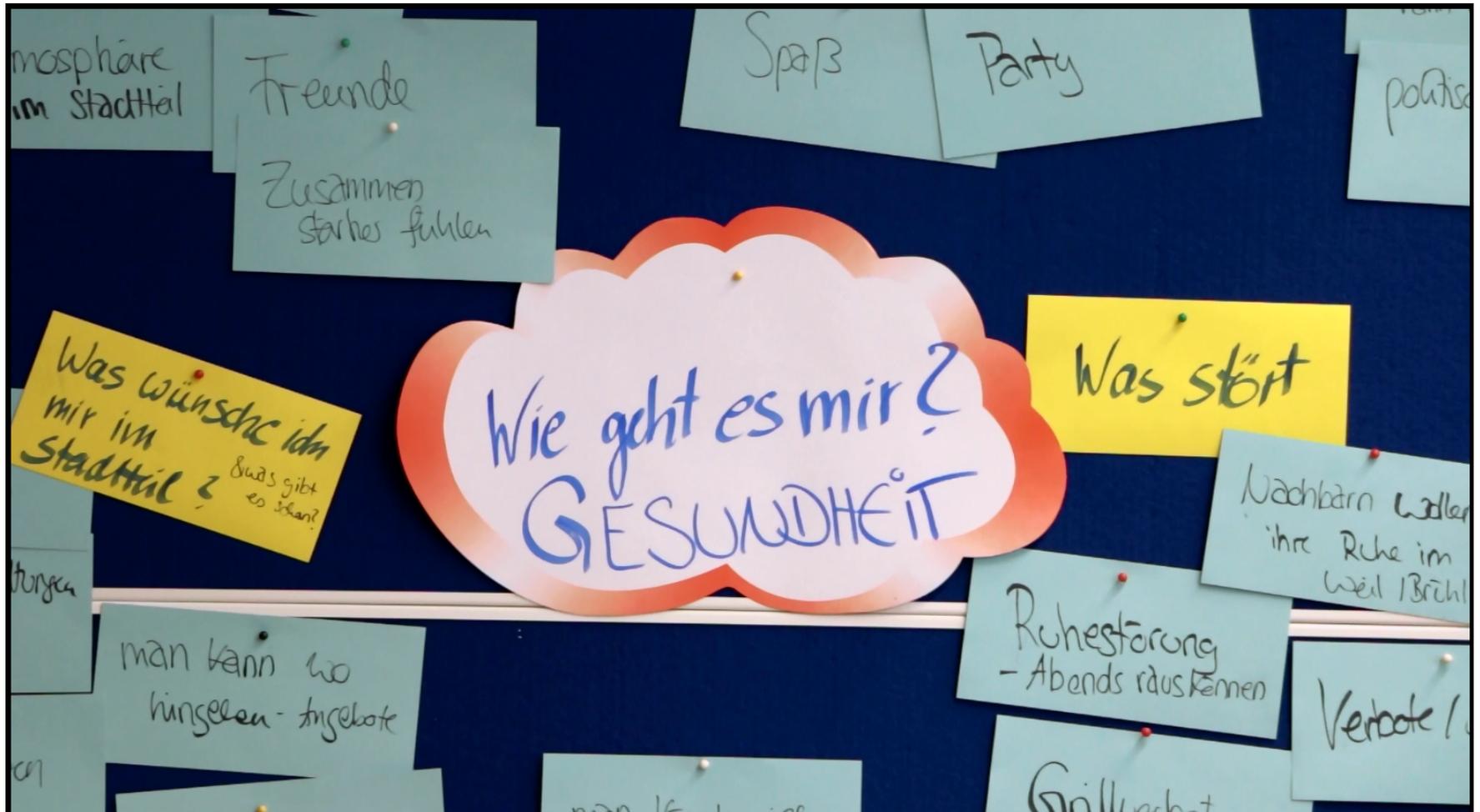
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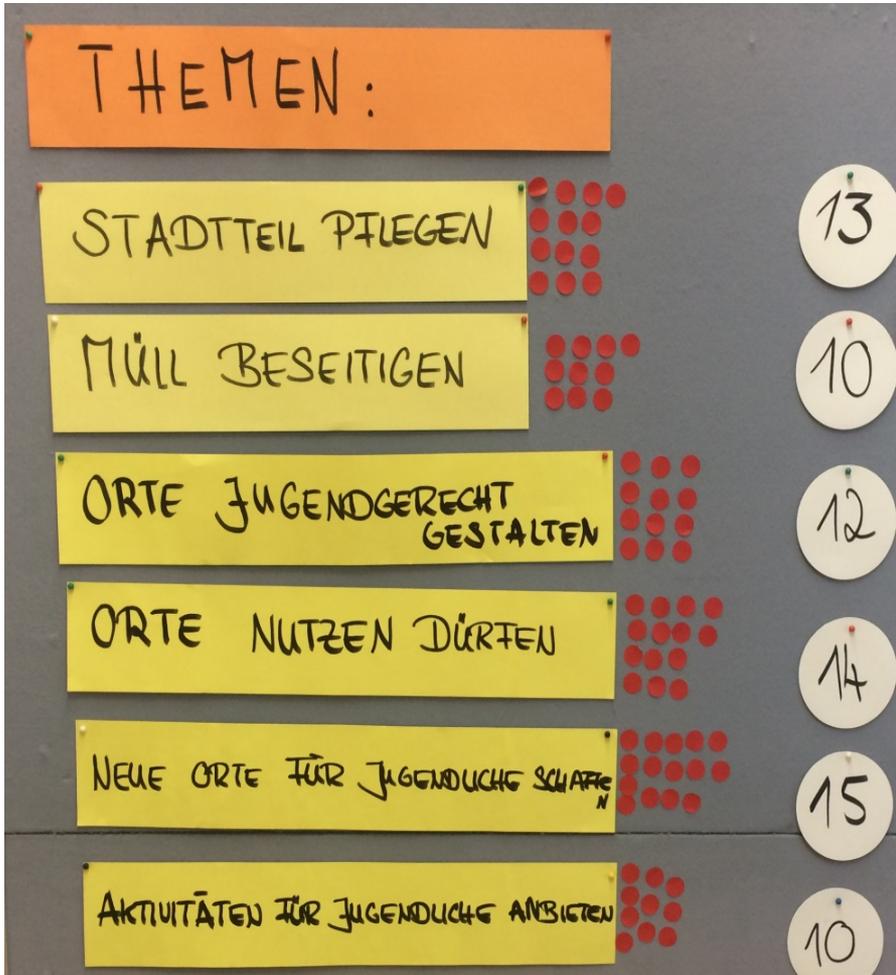


Overview of Collected Data

Participant	Number of taken photographs	Number of discussed photographs	Group discussion
1	5	5	GD 3 (2 TN)
2	6	6	GD 2 (4 TN)
3	7	7	GD 1 (4 TN)
4	12	11	GD 1 (4 TN)
5	7	7	GD 3 (2 TN)
6	134	8	GD 1 (4 TN)
7	8	8	GD 2 (4 TN)
8	8	8	GD 2 (4 TN)
9	6	6	GD 2 (4 TN)
	193	66	

- How did you become a member of our research project?
- Could you please explain your role in our research project?
- What motivated/motivates you to take part in our project?
- Is there something you didn't expect before taking part in our research project? Were you surprised about something?
- What do you think is important to keep in mind for conducting research together with youth?





- Maintain our neighborhood
- Eradicate waste
- Shape places appropriate for youth
- Allow us to make use of places
- Create new places just for youth
- Offer activities for youth

- photovoice is an uncomplicated way of becoming a co-researcher
- Photographs and videos are a perfect medium for confronting local stakeholders and decision-makers with the perspective of the young citizens. The method allows bringing together top-down and bottom-up.
- photos provide a perfect base for producing a professional video – a medium that shows the findings in an authentic and catchy way and that empowers the youth.

- It is important to discuss the findings jointly with the appropriate authorities and search for solutions together with them.
- It could be challenging to start a real, solution-focused dialogue between youth and stakeholders. The process should be prepared carefully. Dynamics between top-down and bottom-up could especially arise in this phase.

Thank you for listening!

Potential Questions for Discussion

- How did other projects set up communities of inquiry?
- Do you also have experiences with an intermediary between top-down and bottom-up? How did you manage confrontational processes at this interface?
- How did capacity building and knowledge arise among the research participants?
- Or others...