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Participatory research methods

Webinar programme

26 May 2026 (13:30-16:00, SAST)

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Co-producing knowledge 'with, for and by' young people: Participatory research approaches and ethical considerations

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Introduction

In September 2025, u'GOOD hosted a webinar entitled 'Conducting emancipatory research', which introduced attendees to the 'research as freedom continuum' developed by Swartz & Nyamnjoh (2018). This continuum innovatively differentiates between interactive, participatory and emancipatory research, and the webinar focused on emancipatory research as a critical approach to foreground youth voices and social justice in research. Building on these discussions, the current webinar will engage with participatory research approaches as a purposive imperative for co-producing knowledge about young people in the Global South. Participatory methodologies offer a relational approach to gathering information "with, for and by" young people which is a key priority for u'GOOD.

Centring youth as 'lived experience experts', the aim of this interactive webinar is to provide practical insights into how participatory research with young people can be operationalised, including the ethical considerations involved in such processes. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their own work, learn from others and identify potential avenues through which their work can be strengthened.

Programme

Time	Activity	Lead
13:30-13:40	Welcome & webinar outline <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening remarks• Introduce the intention and structure of the session	Dr Angelique Wildschut
13:40-14:00	Presentation <i>Co-producing knowledge 'with, for and by' young people: Participatory research approaches and ethical considerations</i>	Dr Candice Groenewald
14:00-14:15	Questions and Answers	PAG Youth Member
14:15-14:45	Breakout sessions Participants move into three small groups and discuss the assigned questions below:	PAG Youth Members

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How have you prioritised the active participation of young people in your study, and at which phase of your research? (conceptualisation, tool development, data collection, data analysis, interpretation, science communication, dissemination, publication etc.) 2. Where have you, are you, or could you 'get stuck' in prioritising youth participation? 3. Where have you, are you, or could you 'get stuck' in applying for ethical clearance at your institution, using participatory methods? (invite insights from others on how to address these issues) 	
14:45-14:50	Comfort break	
14:50-15:30	<p>Plenary sharing</p> <p>Each group shares one key insight</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>PAG Youth Members</p> <p>Dr Candice Groenewald</p>
15:30-16:00	<p>Operational / key programme updates</p> <p>Project extension implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar schedule for 2026 • Documentary plans (4hour session per month/ 4 months) • Conference '27 	<p>Dr Yoliswa Ntsepe</p> <p>Zodwa Mbuyazi</p>