

MAKER MEMORIES



BACKGROUND

Maker Memories is a community-led research project exploring the socio-cultural value and diverse heritage of Maker Heights, Cornwall. Thousands of children holidayed at Maker Camp from the 1920s onwards, and is currently a popular community based music venue.

Through the compilation of oral histories, the research aims to explore communal values, relational bonds, affect and attachment to place.

The project is led by Maker with Rame CIC, supported by The Box and working in collaboration with the University of Plymouth Sociology and Media Arts programmes.

UNDERTAKING EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY-LED RESEARCH: THE MAKER MEMORIES PROJECT.

METHODS

- Community-led Research (2016-2018)
- Semi-structured interviews (44 interviews conducted to date)
- Visual methodologies: documentary film and photography (37 short films produced to date)
- Archival research



FINDINGS TO DATE

Strong sense of attachment as expressed across generations and diverse social groups: by those indigenous to the locale, those who have migrated to the area and elderly people who used the site in their youth after experiencing austerity in the first world war.

Strong inter-generational communal values: community's attachment to the locale is grounded in the lived experience of relational bonds, affect and a deep attachment to place.

Results challenge preconceptions of insular rural communities and youth migration.

IMPACT

Community Events: four events attended by 1,000 people approximately

Connectivity: compilation of exhibition, digital, and archive materials including a Website, Flickr, Facebook and YouTube Channel:

Analytics November 2016 to December 2017 —

Maker Memories YouTube
37 videos - Views: 5772;
Watch Time: 17,352 minutes

Maker Memories Flickr
1494 photographs - 1,561 album views

Educational Engagement and Skills Enhancement: inter-generational research team, collaborative work with students through film-making, artwork, photography, public presentations, Big Screen Event.



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