



Real Life Methods

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Learning to use visual methods: a
dialogue between two researchers
investigating networks,
neighbourhoods and communities

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Learning visual methods in our research



- the visual as part of a walkabout method
- “a method in search of a research question...?”

Walkabout method, visual images and change over time



Images that...



- have documentary value
- supplement questions I want to ask

Images that...



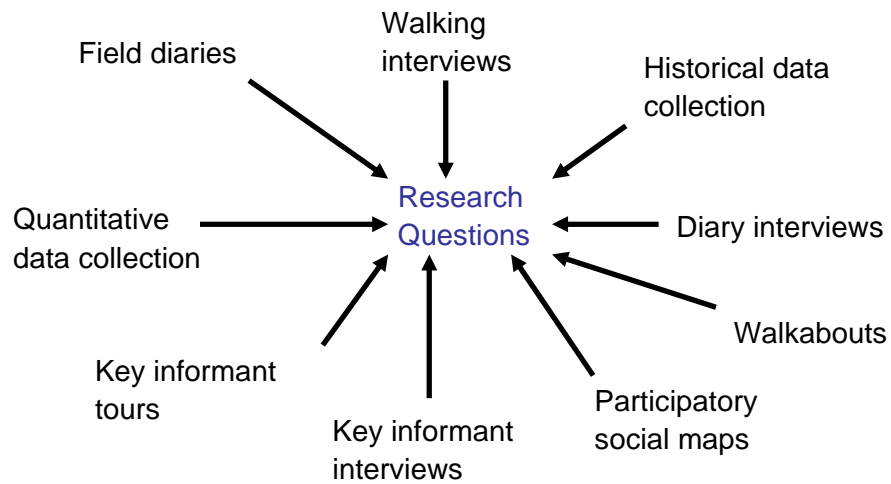
Act as
capture the
memories
moment



The visual as part of a multi-modal experience

- analysis of visual images... more than code sheets
- sharpening our senses
- a more complete account of place
- part of the collection of multi-modal data

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A more complete account of place



Conclusions

- the visual as part of the collection of multi-modal data
- photographs allow us to map our reflexive engagement with the field
- images facilitate hunches, ideas
- contribute to a deeper sociological understanding of place