

IN NEED FOR A CITIZEN SOCIAL SCIENCE

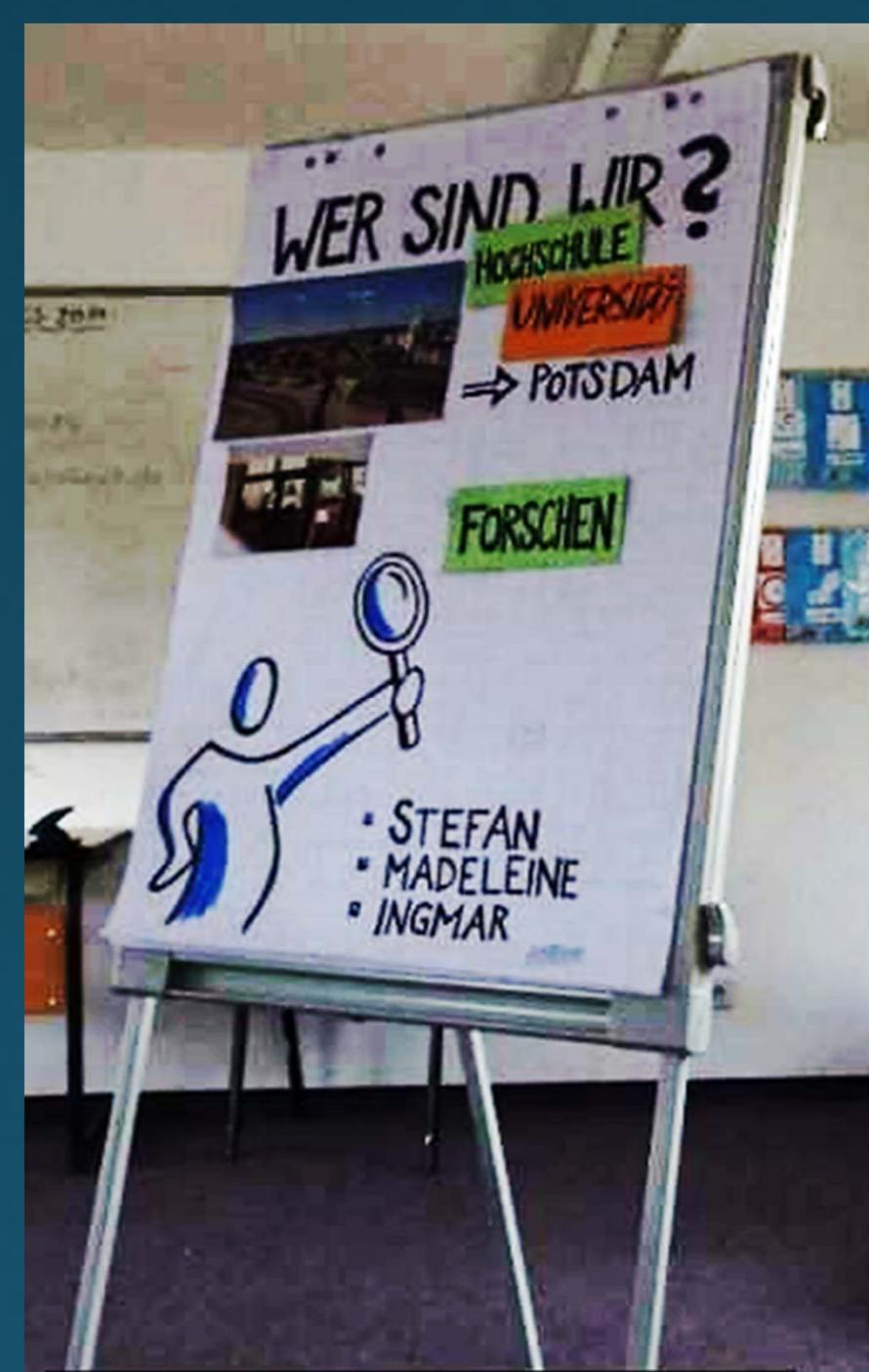
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Reasons for the necessity of a Citizen SOCIAL Science

in reflection on three participatory research projects:

- in a homeless shelter
- in intergenerational co-housing projects
- in a peer research group with unaccompanied minor refugees

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Participatory research brings together two perspectives for a deeper and broader understanding:



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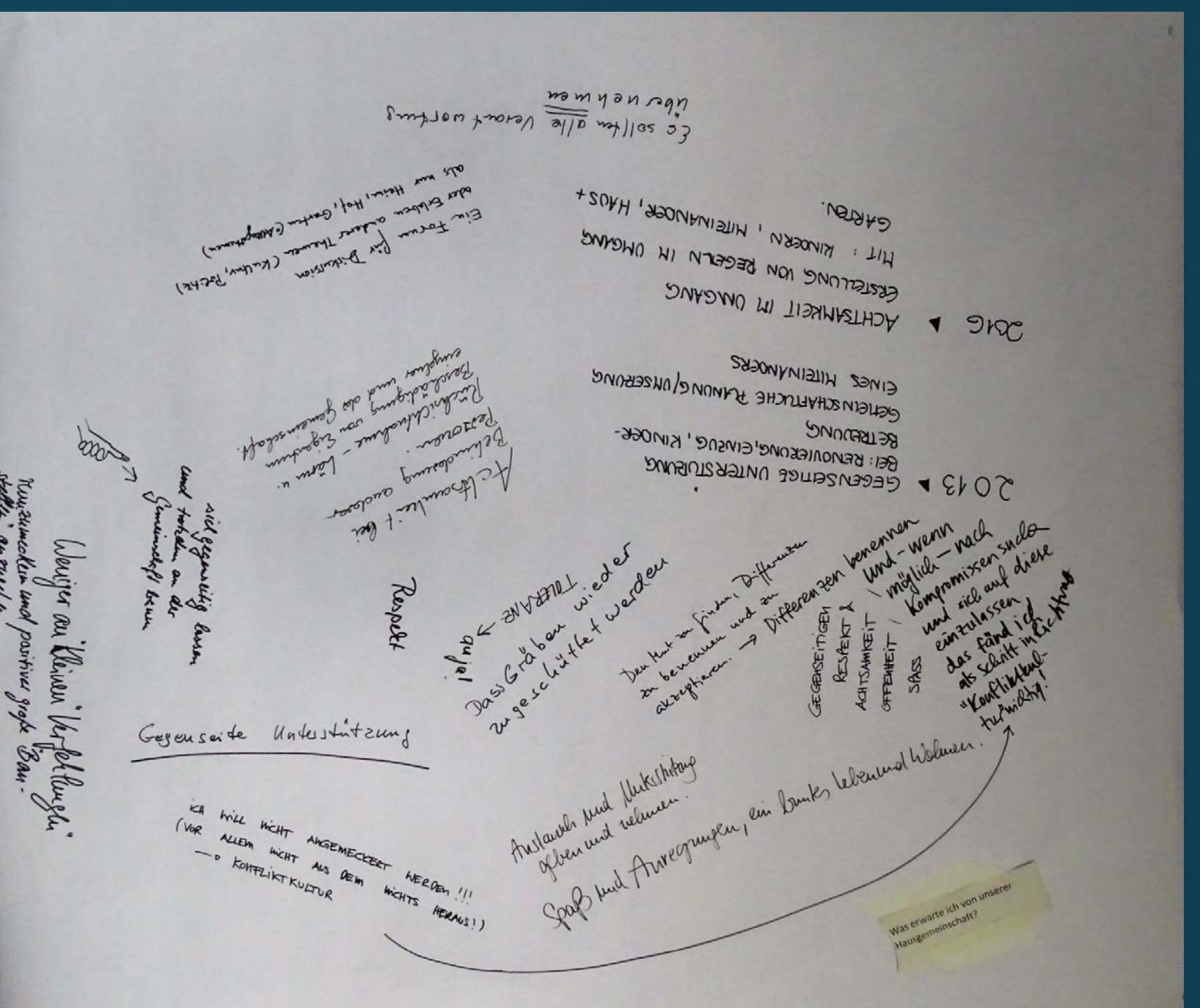
In comparison to a citizen nature science, the coresearchers must participate on a higher stage in a citizen social science project. They must have their say regarding research question and research design

- The reason for DEEP PARTICIPATION is: The coresearchers, their lifeworld, their perspectives and interests are the research subject in a direct way



The RESEARCH FORUM (RF) is the center part of a participatory research process in social science

- The RF should provide an open and safe space for convergence of the different perspectives to more generalizable insights in social reality
- The RF constitutes a mutual frame of exchange of ideas and of understanding linked by communication among all participants



Four TARGETS of the research forum:



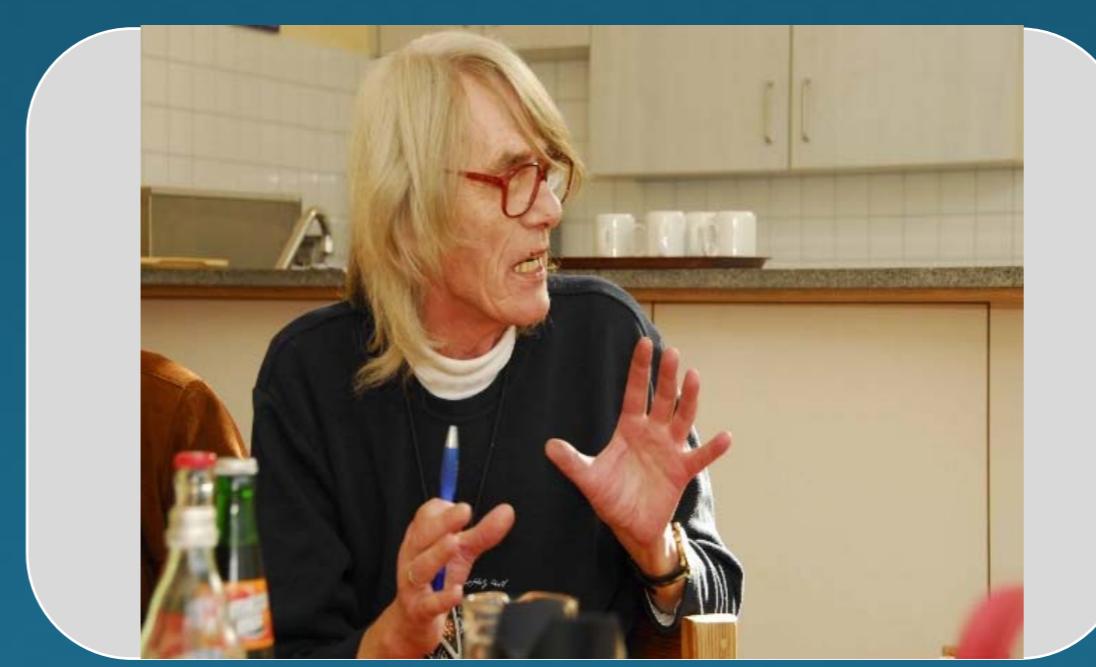
OPEN UP SPACES:

Creating open spaces is the basis for participation and exchange within a citizen science project outside of the pragmatic demands of the everyday life



ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIVE PRACTICES:

Insights and knowledge is gained by dialog and discussion among all participants: coresearchers as well as professional researchers



SOCIAL SELF-CLARIFICATION:

The RF aims on an ongoing process of social self-clarification. All participants should bring in their different perspectives to find a consensual, generalizable, and differentiated description and explanation of their situation

(for example: the perspective of homeless people on organization and social work in their shelter)



(COUNTER)-PUBLIC DISCOURSES:

New insights into the research topic participatorily examined can enable and empower the coresearchers to join the public sphere of deliberative discourses on their social life practice

(for example the minor refugees on a presentation of a social work conference)