

Strengthening participatory processes, control and influence

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Why participatory processes?

- Because otherwise we don't know what is needed



An example from Gothenburg:

Community-based interventions through cultural mediators and health guides in order to increase knowledge of and trust in the Swedish COVID-19 strategy in north-east Gothenburg.

Aim of the intervention

- ❑ Minimize the spread of COVID-19
- ❑ Minimize negative long-term health effects of the pandemic
- ❑ Strengthen trust in the Swedish health care system.

Conclusion:

- An intervention drawing on influence, participation and control may prevent the spread of COVID-19 in areas with high risk of contagion and severe illness
- The intervention helps development of local structures for strengthened public health work and thus contribute to closing the gap
- The main part of the work must be established on levels where determinants for equity are found.

But...

- Are we only working with the obvious?
- Why do we so often miss the participatory processes?

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

ROUNDTABLE



PIECES OF A PUZZLE

Friday 21 May 2021

11:30-13:00 CET

Programme

The Swedish Region Västra Götaland, is hosting a roundtable event. The discussion will be held in English and participants will be able to join as listeners.

Promoting health is like working on a puzzle.

You'll need all the various pieces to succeed. This round table discussion will explore different perspectives (community, professional, academic, political) on control and influence during the pandemic.

The question to be discussed is why we so often miss the piece of participatory processes when we know that this is a very efficient piece for communication and compliance.



Members of the round table discussion:

Moderator Maria Magnusson (Public Health Planner, Angered Hospital and Skövde University)

Elvira Rusid (Active Movement, Angered))

Kajsa Ahlström (Public Health Coordinator, City of Gothenburg)

Salam Kaskas (Regional Developer, Region Västra Götaland)

Maria Albin (Professor, Karolinska Institute)

Håkan Linnarsson (Regional Councillor, Region Västra Götaland)

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Free attendance

For registration, please check [the link](#) or contact elisabeth.m.bengtsson@varegion.se



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