
Deliberative Democracy Workshop

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Welcome

Deliberative Democracy Workshop at Kellogg College

18th May 2023, 12:30 - 4:30pm

Dear Workshop Participant,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the workshop *Citizens' juries and citizens' assemblies: How can they support our work?* at Kellogg College on **Thursday 18th May, starting with lunch and registration at 12:30pm**. We have a stimulating programme for the afternoon, during which we will explore how citizens' juries and citizens' assemblies (also known as deliberative democratic processes) can support the work of councils in tackling complex, intractable issues, together with residents and communities, and in turn, build more shared understanding and trust.

We have an exciting range of contributors lined up to share their experience and expertise in this field, from practitioners, researchers and commissioners of deliberative democracy to local people with lived experience of taking part as a jury or assembly member. The workshop will also offer an opportunity for open dialogue and interaction with each other with the support of an external lead facilitator, Liz Goold, and a team of breakout facilitators.

This pack includes further information about the event including:

- Workshop aims and outline
- Biographies of commentators, organisers and facilitator
- Background resources on citizens' assemblies and citizens' juries, including reports on two local examples
- Venue - How to get to [The Hub, Kellogg College](#), 60-62 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PN

The University sees this as a timely opportunity to convene a space for local councils to come together and explore the potential and dilemmas that deliberative democracy raises in these times, drawing on a range of examples and experiences. We see this workshop as a stimulus for opening up conversations and thinking together, rather than seeking to draw final conclusions.

We trust you will find it an enjoyable and thought-provoking afternoon and look forward to seeing you there. Please aim to arrive by 12:30pm for registration and lunch, so we can make a prompt start at 1pm. Please let us know if, for any reason, you are unable to attend.

If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to contact alison.chisholm@phc.ox.ac.uk.

With best wishes,

Alison Chisholm and Juliet Carpenter

Workshop Convenors, University of Oxford

Programme outline

Aims:

- To raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges that deliberative democracy presents, drawing on promising practices of recent citizens' juries and assemblies, including local examples and lessons learnt
- To facilitate dialogue and discussion amongst councillors and officers on the potential application and implications of deliberative democracy for local authorities

Timing	Session
12:30 - 1:00pm	Registration and buffet lunch (prepared by Damascus Rose)
1pm	Getting started and introductions / framing the afternoon
1:30pm	Opportunities and challenges of deliberative democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to rise in Deliberative Democracy and Citizens' Assemblies/Juries - key principles, characteristics (Prof Alan Renwick, Constitution Unit, University College, London)• Examples of Citizens' Assemblies/Juries - Promising practices and learning/implications for local authorities (Pete Bryant, Director, Shared Future - online)• Impact of Citizens' Assemblies/Juries and systems change (Claire Mellier, Facilitator and Researcher, Co-initiator and organiser of the Global Citizens' Assembly)
1:50pm	Exploration and Feedback – Small groups and plenary
2:30pm	Tea Break
2:45pm	Taking a closer look through learning from local examples: Street Voice citizens' jury and Oxford citizens' assembly on Climate Change Brief introduction followed by further exploration of the lived experience and learning from the perspectives of assembly/jury members and organisers
3:30pm	Implications for Local Authorities How might this approach support us in our work? Possibilities and potential, dilemmas and constraints
4:20pm	Next steps / take-aways
4:30pm	Review and Close

People

Commentators

Peter Bryant - Commentator



Pete is a Co-Director of [Shared Future](#) and specialises in citizens' assemblies and juries, bringing 35 years' experience in the fields of participation and community development.

He uses a range of innovative participatory approaches in his work and has also supported local authorities to introduce the use of [Participatory Budgeting](#).

Pete has facilitated numerous climate change deliberative processes on behalf of Shared Future - face to face and online, including [Lancaster City Council](#), [Kendal Town Council](#), the [Leeds Climate Commission](#), [Warwick District Council](#), and [North of Tyne Combined Authority](#) and [Wandsworth Council](#) (Air Quality). He has also facilitated citizens' assemblies for Shared Future on diverse topics ranging from [alcohol](#), [fracking](#) and [mental health](#) and produced a [guide to Climate Assemblies and Juries](#) on behalf of the Place-based Climate Action Network.

Claire Mellier - Commentator



Claire is a facilitator and researcher, co-initiator and organiser of the Global Citizens' Assembly, Iswe Foundation. Her core interest is to enable people to play an active and influential part in decisions which affect their lives. Her work is founded on three main capabilities: facilitation, systems change and impact evaluation. Claire was part of the facilitation team at [Climate Assembly UK](#) and one of the accredited researchers who observed France's [Convention Citoyenne pour le Climat](#).

Over the last few years, she has facilitated several deliberative processes on climate change and other environmental topics, both at the local and national level. In 2020, in collaboration with other partners, she launched the [Global Assembly](#) for COP26. She is the author of a Carnegie Europe article entitled "[Getting Climate Citizens' Assemblies Right](#)". In March 2021, she contributed to the "Democracy on the edge" edition of the [New Internationalist](#). She is currently Knowledge and Practice Lead with the [Iswe Foundation](#)

People

Professor Alan Renwick - Commentator



Alan is Professor of Democratic Politics and Deputy Director of the Constitution Unit at University College, London. He is an expert in the mechanisms through which citizens can participate in formal politics: particularly in electoral systems, referendums, and deliberative processes such as citizens' assemblies. He has convened a number of citizens' assemblies, including on Brexit and Democracy in the UK . He was also on the Advisory Group for the UK Climate assembly, as well as Street Voice citizens' jury in Oxford.

Workshop Team

Liz Goad - Workshop Facilitator



Liz is an Oxford-based independent Organisation Development practitioner, leadership team coach, mediator and facilitator, bringing over 35 years' experience of working across public services, international NGOs and social movements, in the UK and internationally. She also has a strong track record of running systems leadership development programmes for senior leaders and change agents in local authorities, NHS and public health and facilitating multi-stakeholder large group processes.

In the last few years, she has brought her facilitation and dialogue skills into the deliberative democracy space through facilitating and supporting a number of citizens' assemblies and citizens' juries at local, national and international level. These have ranged from democracy in the UK, addressing air quality, health and transport, improving social housing and town centres and tackling the climate and ecological crisis. In her work, she seeks to create the conditions for different conversations that support generative learning and wise action, in service of people and planet.

People

Dr Alison Chisholm - Co-Convenor



Dr Alison Chisholm is a researcher in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, a Research Associate at the Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation (GCHU) and Research Member of Common Room, Kellogg College, at the University of Oxford.

She has a British Academy Innovation Fellowship Citizens' Voices Making Change, working in collaboration with Involve, to explore ways to enhance the impact and legacy of deliberative democratic processes to tackle the related challenges of the climate crisis and health inequalities. She was co-organiser of Street Voice, a citizens' jury on Transport and Health in Headington.

Dr Juliet Carpenter - Co-Convenor



Dr Juliet Carpenter is Director of Research at the Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation (GCHU), and Senior Research Fellow at Kellogg College, University of Oxford. She works at the interface of debates in urban geography, planning, political science and urban sociology, with a particular interest in urban social sustainability and the method of Co-Creation. She was co-organiser of Street Voice, a citizens' jury on Transport and Health in Headington, held in the summer of 2022.

Background resources

The following are a range of background resources to dip into, including videos and reports from our commentators, that we hope you find useful.

A. Guides on running citizens' assemblies and citizens' juries

- [How To Run a Citizens' Assembly](#), Innovation in Democracy Programme (2020)
- [Preparing for a Climate Assembly](#), KNOCA (2022)
- [Climate Assemblies and Juries: A Guide for Local Authorities and Other Bodies](#), Pete Bryant, Shared Future (2020)

B. Links to local examples (if you have time, do take a look at these to support our discussions on the day)

1. Street Voice Citizens' Jury (Oxford University) (2022)

- [Website](#)
- [Report](#)
- [News item](#)

2. Oxford Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change (Oxford City Council) (2019)

- [Background](#)
- [Report](#)
- [Overview](#)

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C. Videos on citizens' juries/assemblies including interviews with members

- Blackburn with Darwen [People's Jury on the Climate Change Crisis](#) (Video) – organised by Shared Future. About 5 minutes long with jury members sharing their experience of being part of the citizens' jury (2022)
- [Citizens' Assembly on Democracy in the UK](#) (Alan Renwick, Constitution Unit, UCL) (2021)
- [Citizens' Assembly on Social Care](#) (Involve UK) (2017)

D. Further reflections on deliberative democracy

- [Including the underrepresented: Guidelines for Deliberative Processes](#) FIDE Policy Research, (Federation for Innovation in Democracy – Europe) (2023)
- [Catching the Deliberative Wave](#) – OECD (2020)
- [Reflective Report on Global Assembly](#), Carnegie Europe, Claire Mellier and Rich Wilson (Iswe Foundation) (2023)

Venue and access

Venue

The Hub, Kellogg College, 60-62 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PN
The venue is fully accessible for wheelchair users.

To reach The Hub, walk into the grounds of Kellogg College from Banbury Road, with Kellogg College on your right. The Hub will be on your left.



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Buses

2	2A
14	N2
NS5 gold	S4 gold
S5 gold	S7

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