

Doing Dialogue

To design a participative process for a consortium of UK science centres aimed at young people aged between 14-19 years old to feed into a national public consultation.

Section C: Design the Participative Process

No. 8: Draft the Procedure

Please design your procedure by answering these questions:

Will you use Science Centre/museum staff? If so, how will you train them? Are there particular qualities staff will need in order to work with teenagers?

How will you engage 14-19 year olds? How will you encourage them to discuss the topic? How will they give you their opinions? How will you collect or record their opinions? If they have no opinion on the subject how will you help them to form one?

How will you raise awareness of your events? Interview the ‘media role’ group for advice.

How will you involve scientists and ethicists? How will you ensure the quality of their input e.g. that they are able to communicate with teenagers? Will they be part of the discussion? Should they lead the discussion or should they act only as ‘information suppliers’?

How will you bring together the responses from different centres? How will you ensure that the responses are of the same standard and that the correct questions are being answered?

How will you feedback to the Nuffield council on Bioethics? Will you send them raw data and opinions?

Summarise your answers for the rest of the participants.