

## **LET'S TALK DIFFERENTLY": OPENING SPACES FOR DIALOGUE WITH PARTICIPATORY MEDIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This workshop provides a taste of the methods and things to think about when using media and technology as a way of opening up spaces to talk with people about sensitive topics such as intimacy and relationships. Participatory media approaches have been used around the world as a space to engage in social learning with people on the margins of civil life: including youth, migrants, people selling sex, and many others. Film-making, photography, digital storytelling and other approaches create not just products for advocacy and learning, but a process where individuals and groups can take the time to explore the things that matter to them. The workshop will look at different ways that participatory media has been used in different context and provide an experiential taster of how spaces for talking differently are constructed.

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