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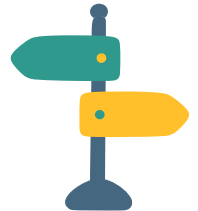
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HELPING PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE PROJECTS FIND THEIR WAY WITH THE NEW STEP CHANGE NAVIGATOR IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

The Step Change project proudly unveiled the Step Change Navigator in Citizen Science, during the 5th European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) conference in April 2024.

This innovative tool leverages the insights from the Step Change project to distil and scale its knowledge to benefit fellow citizen science practitioners embarking on their endeavours, including:

- Citizen science practitioners and researchers
- Policymakers and funders
- Educators and students
- Enthusiasts seeking to deepen their understanding of citizen science



The Navigator has been designed as a valuable asset for citizen science, providing a comprehensive view of the field, practical advice for project development, and inspirational anecdotes from the Step Change project's experiences by delving into theoretical underpinnings and sharing reflections on the project partners' three-year journey.

Highlighted features of the Navigator include:

1. Comprehensive coverage of the citizen science landscape, encompassing fundamental concepts and advantages.
2. Practical guidance on the planning, executing, and evaluating citizen science projects.
3. Insights and best practices sourced from the Step Change project, including critical learnings, encountered challenges, and notable achievements.
4. Abundant resources such as case studies, toolkits, and training materials.

A standout part of the Navigator is Section 5, which details Key Trends in Citizen Science Initiatives from Step Change, providing valuable perspectives and directions for the future of citizen science.

The Navigator is available in print, PDF format, and as an interactive online database, enabling users to explore various resources compiled between late 2023 and early 2024. All versions of the Navigator can be accessed at the following URL or by scanning the QR code below:

<https://cs-navigator.stepchangeproject.eu/>

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