Everyday Growing Cultures in the North of England: participation, citizenship and local economies.

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Bringing together two 'communities' in Manchester and Sheffield

Growing communities

- plot holders; allotment societies; those waiting for plots; allotment governing bodies
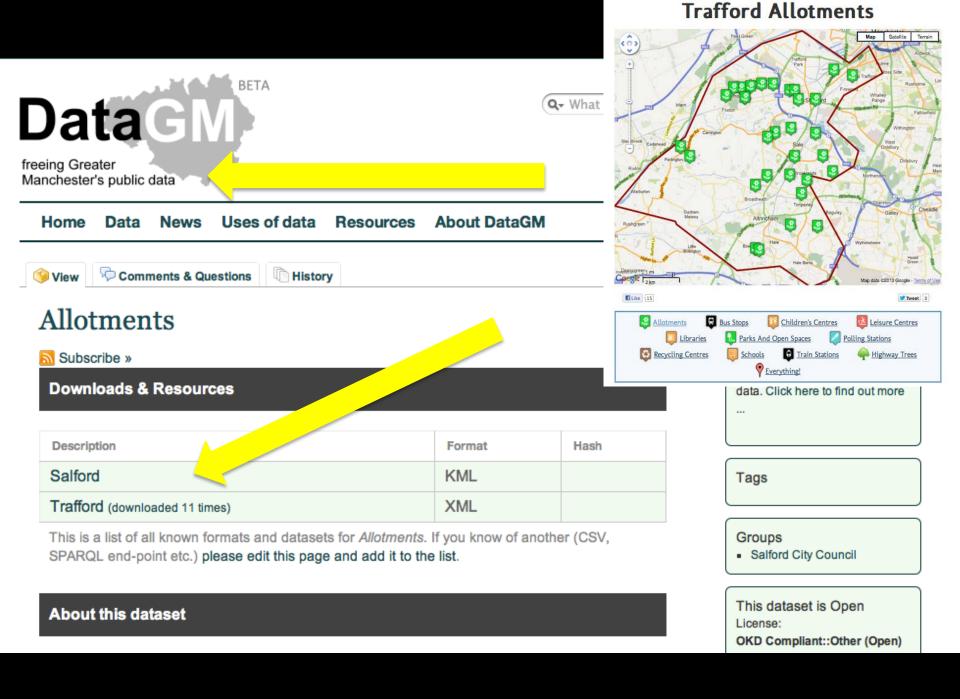- **Local organisations**

- Others (AAA/Diggers)

Open data communities

- open data activists; developers; local government; data journalists
- Central government (DCLG)
- **Local organisations**

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(original) Research Questions

Commonalities: ideas of knowledge sharing, collaboration, 'the commons': shared digital/land resources accessible to all.

- **What does digital engagement and transformation look like within these communities? (main question)**
- How can these communities further the national open data agenda so that it benefits citizens?
- How can a more widely adopted and enacted open data strategy benefit local economies?
- If unsuccessful in these aspects, what might open data's unintended consequences look like?
- How can we think of forms of resistance, mobilisation of local histories and heritage identities?
- **How can we rethink received ideas of participation and enacting citizenship in light of these?**

Data collection/Methods/Outputs/Engagement

- In-depth interviews
- Analysis of council websites
- Participant observation
- Updating UK allotment dataset
- Mapping workshops + tours (new plots)
- Grow Your Own Data Hackday(s)
- Short film
- Website including toolkit + social media
- Reports & journal articles

MadLab Hack/makers space

For critical consideration

- Combining **theory** (building) with sound **methodology**

- What's with all the **mapping**? Neo-cartography + activism

- **Defining 'community'**: 'In contrast a focus on the role of *sociality* in the production of Cittaslow 'places' indicates how social relationships or 'bonds' are implicated in the forms of individual and collective human agency and creativity through which the social and material elements of urban contexts are constituted' (Pink, 2008: 185 – our emphasis)

- **Community-based participatory research: a guide to ethical principles and practice** – role of power (ethical principles: mutual respect; equality and inclusion; democratic participation; active learning; making a difference; collective action; personal integrity) **(see http://www.dur.ac.uk/beacon/socialjustice/ethics_consultation/)**

Project website (under construction)
http://everydaygrowingcultures.org/

Allotment data website (in need of TLC – covered in weeds)
http://allotmentdata.org/

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