



# **Guidelines for Co-produced Research with Refugees and Other People with Lived Experience of Displacement**

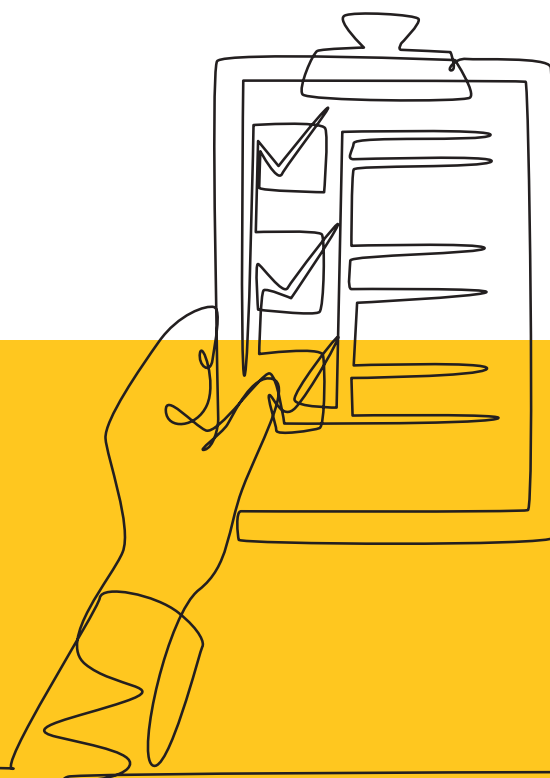
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# Information about the Consultation Process - May 2023

The 2023 Guidelines for Co-Produced Research with Refugees and Other People with Lived Experience of Displacement ('the Guidelines') have benefited greatly from the expertise and insights of many different stakeholders. These stakeholders provided input between November 2022 and May 2023 and have included several refugee representatives, academics, and representatives from NGOs and intergovernmental organisations with demonstrated expertise in co-produced research.

One of the unique aims when creating these guidelines was that they would be jointly owned by a range of different stakeholders and that they would go beyond the university setting in terms of their practical application. As such, an important element of these Guidelines is that they have been developed with the active inclusion and endorsement of organisations and networks led by refugees and other people with lived experience of displacement.

Given the significance of collaboration and consultation to this project, this document provides further details as to how the Guidelines have been developed. It provides acknowledgement to the individuals and institutions who have contributed to the development of the Guidelines, and it also contains weblinks to further consultation reports that were prepared during the consultation process. These reports detail more expansively the diverse discussions and comments that informed the development of these Guidelines. These reports may be useful for readers seeking a deeper understanding of the issues that arise when looking to undertake co-produced research with refugees and other people with lived experience of displacement.



# How was the consultation process for the Guidelines conducted?

To enable broad engagement with the Guidelines, an international consultation process was conducted between November 2022 and May 2023. This process was facilitated by Tristan Harley from the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at the University of New South Wales and Najeeba Wazefadost from the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees, and was supported by Act for Peace. This consultation process consisted of three phases:

- In the first phase, a Discussion Draft was launched at an Interdisciplinary Forced Migration Scholars Workshop and simultaneously released for written feedback with over 30 identified stakeholders with expertise undertaking co-produced research. This phase resulted in substantial revision to the Guidelines and led to the preparation of a detailed Consultation Report containing further suggestions on co-produced research with refugees and other people with lived experience of displacement.
- In the second phase, an updated Discussion Draft was shared with all engaged stakeholders and two roundtables were held virtually to discuss the content of the revised Guidelines in more detail. One of these roundtables was open publicly to anyone interested in participating in the process. This roundtable was marketed widely on social media channels and through engaged partner organisations. The other roundtable was organised to bring together identified experts on the subject, with a specific focus on targeting researchers with lived experience of displacement. For this second roundtable, financial remuneration was offered to individuals with significant expertise on co-produced research who were not in full-time employment and would not be financially remunerated for this participation through another means. This approach resulted in the active participation of several researchers with lived experience of displacement. It has also helped to ensure that the evidence base for the Guidelines was not overwhelmingly drawn from academic sources, which are disproportionately published by scholars without lived experience of displacement.
- Lastly, in the third phase a Final Version of the Guidelines was shared with all contributors for final review and endorsement. At this stage, only minor typographical changes were permitted, but participants had the opportunity to review and confirm their endorsement and/or acknowledgement in the Guidelines. The Guidelines were then translated into Arabic, French and Spanish to facilitate broader engagement with the text.

# Who contributed to the development of these Guidelines?

These Guidelines were initially drafted by Tristan Harley and Najeeba Wazefadost, but subsequently benefited from the generous intellectual contributions of many other individuals. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their contributions to the Guidelines: Atem Atem, Rahul Balasundaram, Brian Barbour, Linda Bartolomei, Mohammad Baqir Bayani, Apajok Biar, Veronica Fynn Bruey, Vittoria Catalfamo, Hui Yin Chuah, Christina Clark-Kazak, Georgia Cole, Tina Dixon, Basma Taysir El Doukhi, Diana Essex-Lettieri, Rêz Gardi, Geoff Gilbert, Gül İnanç, Buhendwa Iragi, Ahmad Shuja Jamal, Evan Jones, Foni Vuni Joyce, Gabriella Kallas, Abdallah Kamal, Sabine Larribeau, Caroline Lenette, Themba Lewis, Hannah Loewith, Jay Marlowe, Jane McAdam, Joanna McIntyre, Daniel Mekonnen, James Milner, Abdullah Mohammadi, Bisimwa Mulemangabo, Sana Mustafa, Louise Olliff, Ana Carolina Pinto Dantas, Eileen Pittaway, Diana Podar, Chiara Scissa, Shreya Shankar Bhat, Angela Smith, Laura De Somer, Christoph Sperfeldt, Charlotte Stemmer, Hafsar Tameesuddin, Savitri Taylor, Pauline Vidal, Patrick Wall and Rutaban Yameen.

Beyond these individual contributions, the guidelines have also been endorsed and supported by the following organisations at the time of publication: Act for Peace, Amera International, the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees, the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, the Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies at the University of Auckland, the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (co-convened by UNHCR and the University of Essex), the Global Refugee-led Network, the Hub for Education for Refugees in Europe, the International Detention Coalition, the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at the University of New South Wales, the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, the Mixed Migration Centre, the Refugee Communities Advocacy Network, the Refugee Council of Australia, R-SEAT (Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table), the Refugee-Led Research Hub at the University of Oxford, and the University of Essex. Lastly, we would like to thank Bayu Sadewo from Little Lighthouse Studio for his graphic design support, and the team at NaTakallam for their assistance with translation of the guidelines.

# How did the consultation inform the content of the Guidelines?

The extended consultation process undertaken for these Guidelines resulted in many amendments, clarifications and additions to the final document. Some of the main changes incorporated that were not in early drafts include:

- Additional clarity around the purpose of the guidelines, including its target audiences
- Changes in the terminology used (including use of the term 'people with lived experience of displacement', which seemed to be preferred by many respondents)
- A new section on reflexivity as a key principle
- New references to the intersectional and dynamic characteristics of individuals (such as race, sexual orientation, gender, ability, religion, age etc)
- A new section on intellectual property, copyright and data management
- More explicit references to language as a barrier to knowledge creation and research dissemination
- Enhanced clarity surrounding the definition of co-produced research
- Additional content on what an ongoing ethics of care requires, including reference to the importance of mental health support and the need for research approaches to be trauma-informed
- A new section at the end of the document with training exercises to enable learners to explore some of the micro-ethics surrounding co-produced research and consider appropriate responses
- More explicit references to independent refugee-led research (as distinct from co-produced research) and research ideas generated by refugee-led organisations
- More explicit mention to the importance of including researchers with lived experience of displacement in the research dissemination process, given that this does not always happen in practice
- Recognition that labels and terms such as refugees and displaced people often can be dehumanising and homogenising
- A redrafting of the section on skills development to emphasise more clearly that it is multi-directional and that both researchers with and without lived experience of displacement benefit from the collaboration

- A restructuring of the document to include remuneration and authorship under a section on recognition, and
- A revision to the document title.

Readers of the Guidelines with an interest in reviewing this feedback are encouraged to read the two Consultation reports on the following links:

- [Consultation Report 1 \(February 2023\)](#)
- [Consultation Report 2 \(May 2023\)](#)

## How should the Guidelines be cited?

Given the collaborative and inclusive approach to the development of these Guidelines, our preferred approach is for the Guidelines to be cited without reference to individual contributors or individual organisations. This citation could take the form:

*Guidelines for Co-Produced Research with Refugees and Other People with Lived Experience of Displacement* (May 2023, <http://doi.org/10.26190/ghnc-sy80>)

In publishing contexts where it is necessary to provide details of authors and institutions, the following citation form can also be used:

Tristan Harley and Najeeba Wazefadost, *Guidelines for Co-Produced Research with Refugees and Other People with Lived Experience of Displacement* (Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, Asia Pacific Network of Refugees and Act for Peace, May 2023, <http://doi.org/10.26190/ghnc-sy80>)

This latter citation form references the contributors who led the drafting process, as well as the organisations that supported their work. However, it does not reference the many other individuals and institutions who supported and contributed to the Guidelines.



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