

UNHEARD VOICES OF YOUTH: HOW PHOTOVOICE CREATES MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Structure of our session

- ▶ Welcome & Introductions
- ▶ What brought you here?
- ▶ Brief introduction to Photovoice
- ▶ We are Nature Case Study
- ▶ Denver Smart City Case Study
- ▶ Q & A
- ▶ Discussion

PHOTOVOICE & YOU: What brought you here?

- ▶ What brought you to this workshop?
- ▶ What questions do you hope we will answer?

PHOTOVOICE

- ▶ How familiar are you with Photovoice?
- ▶ What does a photograph mean to you?



PHOTOVOICE

- ▶ What is Photovoice?
- ▶ How we use Photovoice to engage youth
- ▶ Why youth engagement is so important



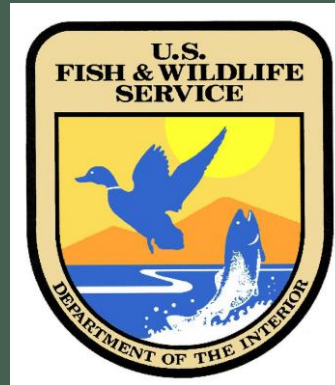
WE ARE NATURE CASE STUDY: Creating a Connected Conservation Community

- ▶ Goals
- ▶ Partnerships
- ▶ Storytelling

“How do you connect with nature?”

“How does nature make you feel?”

“What does nature look like in urban areas?”



WE ARE NATURE CASE STUDY: How to Engage Youth

► How to Employ Strategies

#WeAreNature #MyWild

"I know that social media plays a huge role in how a lot of teens think. I know that when I share photos, a lot of people ask me 'Oh, where is that at?' and 'That's so cool.' Once my friends saw me posting cool pictures of me being outdoors, they wanted to do the same."



WE ARE NATURE CASE STUDY

“We are nature...what are we without nature? Together, regardless of race and culture and all that. I mean it’s pretty self-explanatory.”

“The reason I take photos is a way to show people to see what I see. I think the best way is through my photos. Its powerful.” Megali Roche 10



WE ARE NATURE CASE STUDY: Empowerment

“When you can see it, that’s when it becomes intriguing in my eyes... That’s why I like this “we are nature” project.” #WeAreNature refers to anything living, anything breathing. I feel like we are connected to that, we are nature... We kind of run it, we have to maintain it, we own it, this is how we protect it and make sure it’s okay. And that’s why I respect the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Groundwork Denver, the youth corps and all of the other groups that are promoting stuff like this, because it’s important. We have to protect our land.” —Jai, age 23



“This is the most I’ve ever loved water before”

WE ARE NATURE CASE STUDY: Impact



www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ea/community/index.html

DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY

Smart City Photovoice Project

Summer 2017



smartcityphotovoice.wordpress.com

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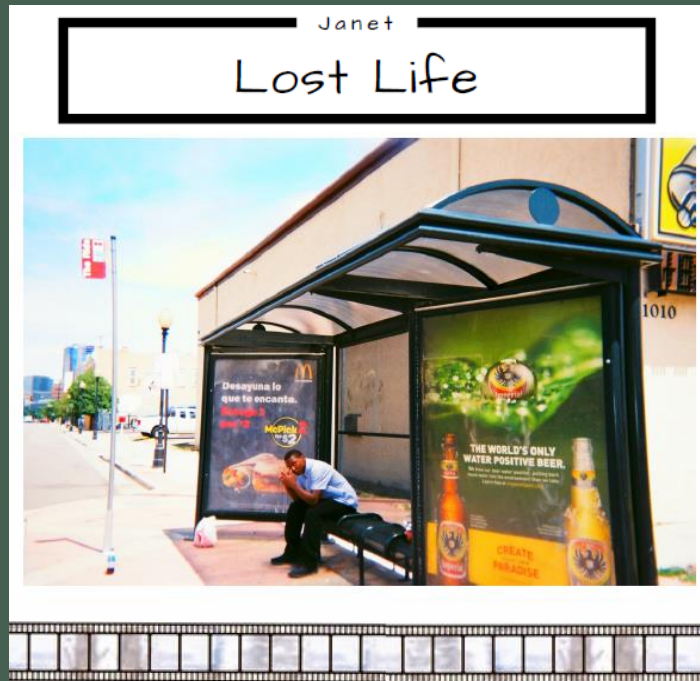
Partners



DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY:

Goals

“What do you love about your community?”



“What would you like to see change in your community?”

DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY:

Recruitment & Participants

City Photovoice Project

Teens - share your experience. Take pictures. Earn prizes!



13 Participants

All participants were
between the ages of
13-17



11 of
the 13

participants fall below
the 200% poverty level
and were, therefore,
eligible to receive a
laptop following
completion of the
project.

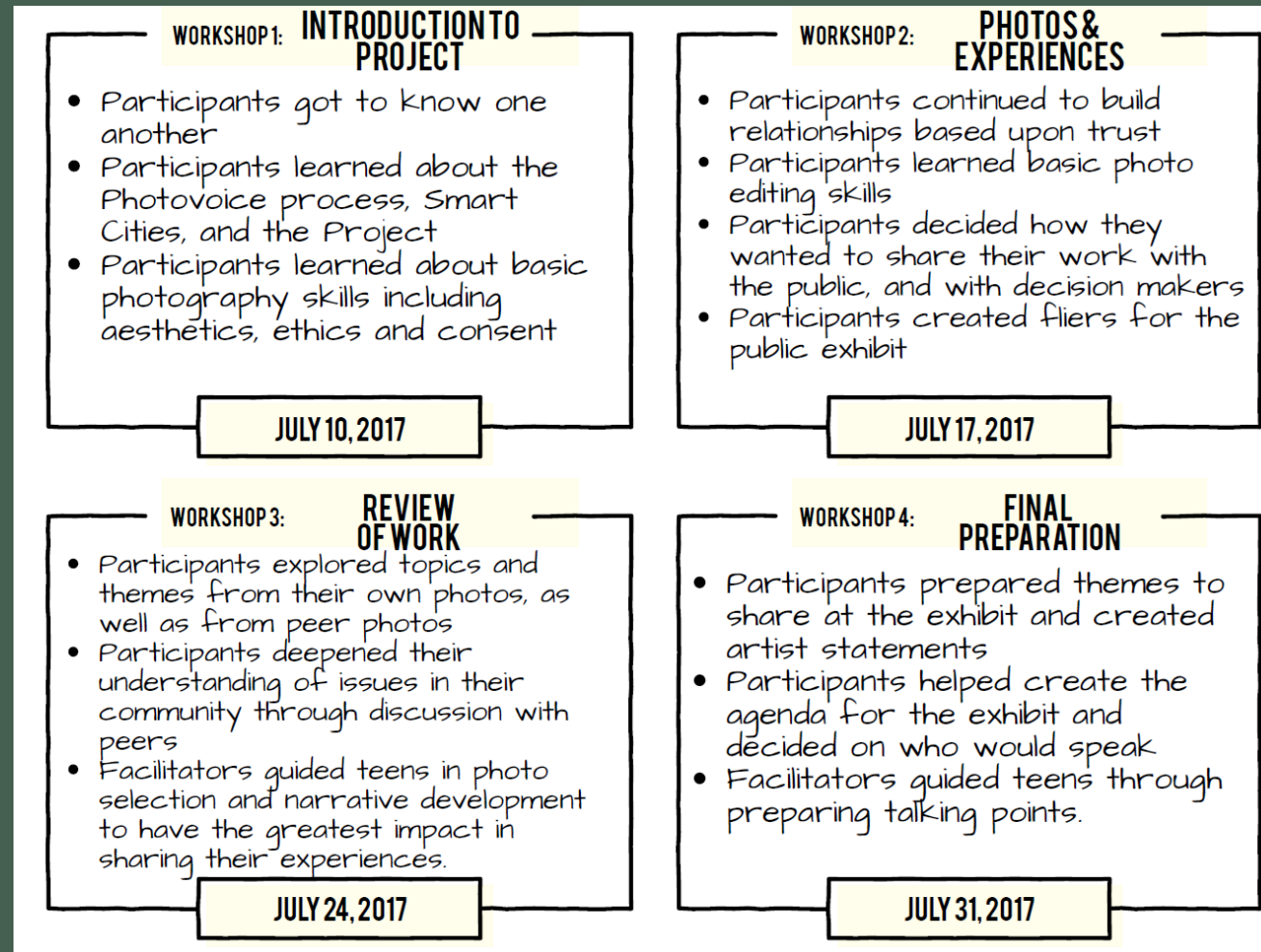


8 of the 13

participants attended
every workshop
offered.

DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY:

Structure



DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY: Public Exhibits

- ▶ August 3, 2017: GrowHaus
- ▶ October 2-4, 2017: Wellington Webb Building

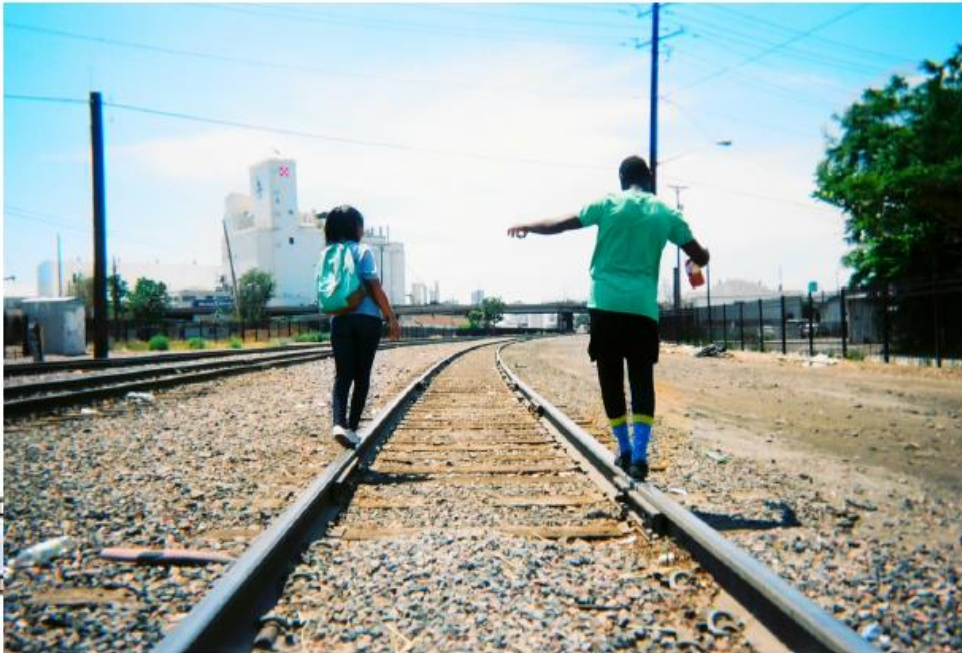


DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY:

Impact on Participants

Janet

Balancing Life



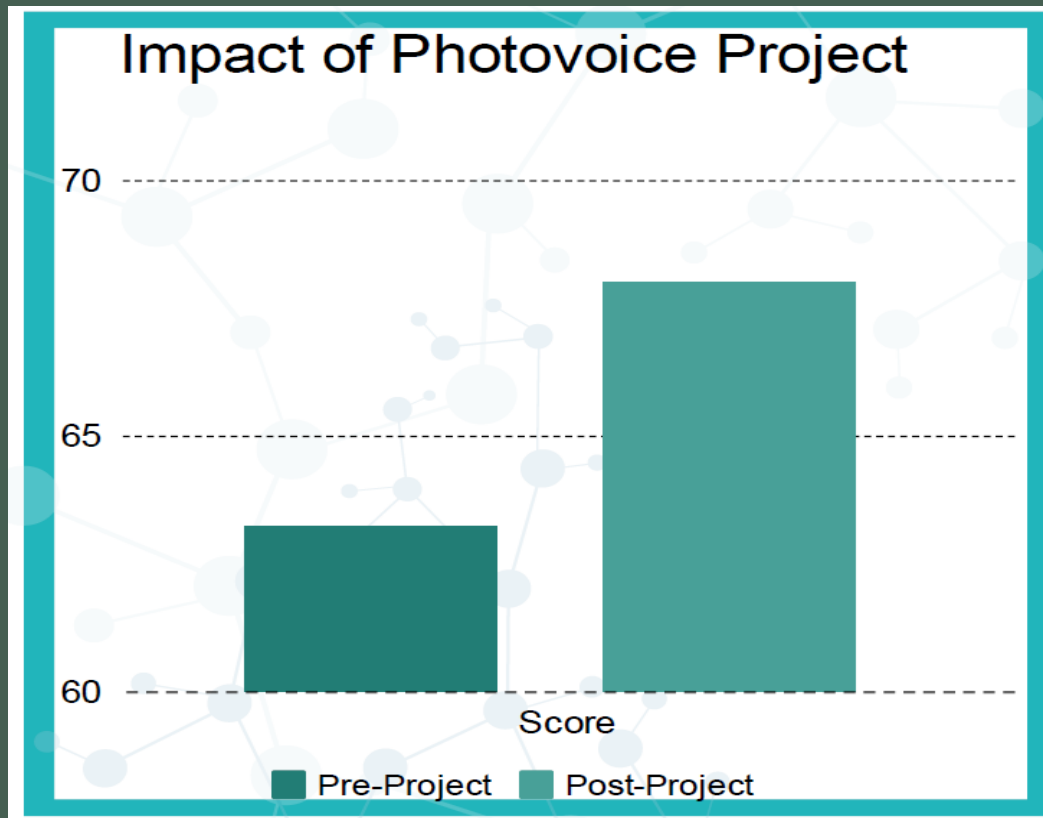
Ruby

Open Up



DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY:

Impact on Participants

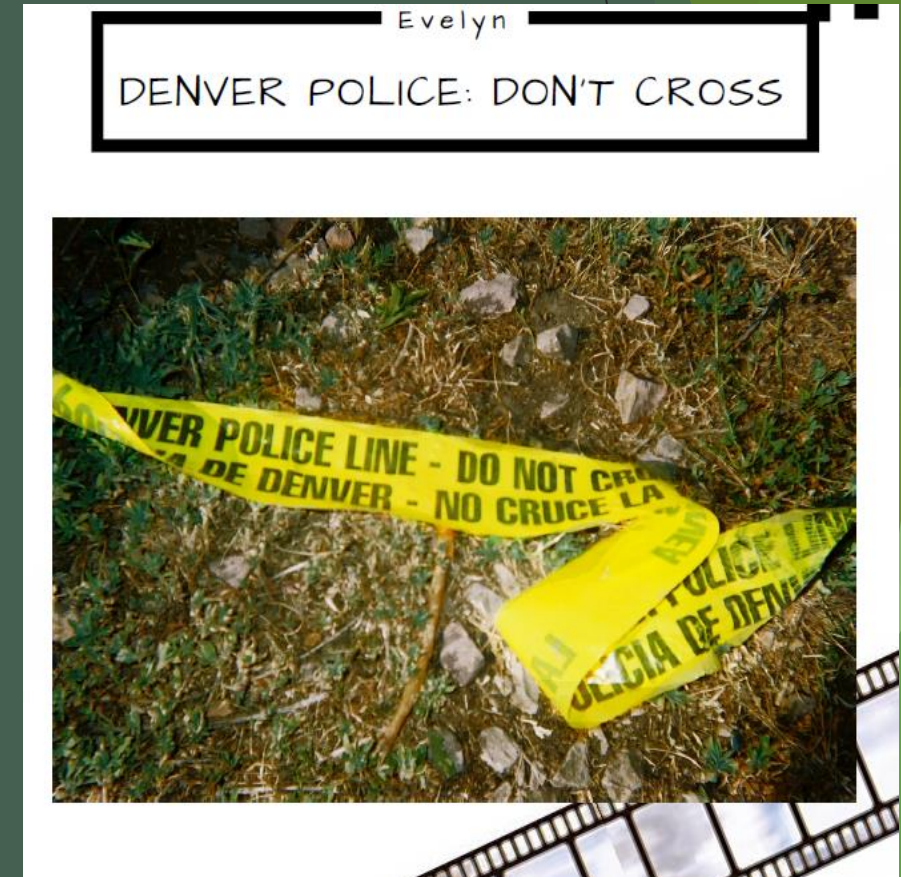


9 of 13 participants completed pre and post assessments.

Some questions included:

- ▶ I determine what will happen in my life
- ▶ I can make a difference in my community
- ▶ I am optimistic about the future
- ▶ I am powerful

DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY: Informing Land Use Decisions



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Pedro
Wasted Space



Evelyn
Globeville Argo Park



Lucia
Tracks



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What issues do you see highlighted in these photos?

Environmental issues that impact health and quality of life. Focus on better transportation options.

Issues regarding the environment and how these issues affect those who spend their lives dealing with these problems. The environment influences us and creates who we are, in many ways.

Environmental Justice

Powerful messages by Denver citizens viewpoint of where they live. "Quality of Life"

Lack of community find out more on www.thomsonline.com

Stuck

improve access to safe places for children to play.

Access to Safe Recreation & Social activities

These people are good photographers!

Support the public community in place with future capital programs. Don't put them at risk of their neighborhood.

There are many great parts of this neighborhood but we all can work to do better.

A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN, LIVE & PLAY IMPROVES OUR COMMUNITIES & OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. THIS INCLUDES PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL SETTINGS.

#NOX2020

How can Denver address the issues illustrated in these photos?

Communities and Citizens working together to solve these problems. Advocate on behalf of the people making Denver the greatest city!! Listen to citizens

Social Justice

Create a social plan to help everyone in the city. Listen to our youth & their voices.

MAKE & CREATE SAFE ACCESS TO AMENITIES FOR ALL AGES.


GIVE Equal Support, SERVICES, & RESPECT TO ALL PARKS & NEIGHBORHOODS IN DENVER. Parks and public spaces in Elyria-Sunset & Globeville should get as much support as Cheesman & Wash Park.

Make streets safe for everyone - residents, kids, police, safety, etc.


Listen, and learn from citizens young & old.

Integrate photo voice with the Children's Council!! #VoiceOfTheCustomer

I've lived in Globeville since '08. I've always thought we should be developed. Parking spaces should be at a 45° angle. I'm talking about USK between Wash & Broadway.



It was a pleasure interacting with the students and talking to them about their pictures. Those interactions always remind me of the importance of engaging some of our youngest citizens in the work that we do and the decisions that we make to further improve our great city, and it reinforces with them the importance of their involvement in driving outcomes within their communities.



-Bob McDonald, Director of the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment

DENVER SMART CITY CASE STUDY: Benefits of Partnerships

Build Trust

Incentivize

Community building



Greater impact

Farther Reach

Commitment

QUESTIONS

- ▶ Questions for the presenters
- ▶ Questions for you

THANK YOU!

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