

Rural Citizen Science: Fostering transformative change with rural communities

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Thursday 4th April Workshop in ILWA-SR 28

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Key Aims

- Unite the citizen science community's expertise to reflect on methodologies and approaches that empower rural communities and enable change.
- Co-develop recommendations for the citizen science community to ensure we do meaningful, impactful and sustainable work with rural communities
- Actively identify institutional opportunities that can support rural community members to join us in this effort.

Who are we?

- Members of the ECSA and LKN Empowerment, inclusiveness and Equity group and/or ECSA Agrifood working group - Join us!
- Thank you to the following people who helped organise the session:
Marco Barzman, Alexandra Czeglédi, Jessamyn Fairfield, Cathal Flood, Jacqui Goldin, Rick Hall, Gerid Hager, Peter Hoebe, Lucía Moreno, Stefan Thomas, Toos van Noordwijk, Anna Verones & Elise Werner

Who are you?

- **Prepare:** Remember your name, the location of the most beautiful rural place you have visited and why you visited it.
- **Activate:** Stand up and join the inside circle (with Claire) or the outside circle (with Petra)
- **Share and move:** When the whistle blows, tell the person in front of you the answers you prepared. Move left (inner circle) or right (outer circle) when the whistle blows and share again. Repeat moving and sharing until the whistle blows three times to signal the end of the activity.

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 - remoteness from urban areas and services

How rural are we?

*Think about **the place where you grew up.**
Line up and move left or right according to:*

- **Population size: > 5000 inhabitants (left) or <5000 inhabitants (right)**
- **Main economic activity: agriculture (left) or tourism/services (right)**
- **Distance to closest hospital: >50km or <50km**

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How rural are we?

*Now those in the same line meet and discuss:
what is rurality for you?*

*Write your thoughts in **post-it notes***

*Join in bigger group and close the activity with a round of
one word about rurality*

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Fishbowl Time!

We will demonstrate how this works, but prepare the following thinking about one rural project you work on (write it in a post-it if you want!):

- Project Name
- Scale: Local/Regional/National/International
- Number and type of participants (age groups, community types etc)
- Location
- Topic
- Method
- Share one dimension of Empowerment, Inclusiveness and Equity in your work

Lunch time!

12.00-13.00

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Arts and creative approaches in rural Citizen Science (40 mins)

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Break time!

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