The Path Forward: How the Team Will Work Together

WSU Puyallup Faculty, Staff and Partners will facilitate the PhotoVoice Project Sessions 1-4 including photo selection, preparation, and hosting the Gallery show.

The Participants will take and submit their photo images and create accompanying photo captions to convey their experiences and perspective of Clarks Creek’s strengths and concerns. Participants are asked to attend the sessions outlined below:

Session One (Students/November 3rd 5-8PM & Community Member/November 5th 6-9PM)
What we will accomplish together for Session One: Participants will form a clear vision of the project, its purpose, the PhotoVoice method, and start to formulate their story content and think about the photos they will take.

Part one:
- Introductions: Say hello and get to know your team members
- Introduction to the internationally renowned PhotoVoice method
- Discussion: What makes a good PhotoVoice story/image?

Break: Snack and meet your neighbors

Part two:
- Project purpose and digging deeper by gathering your knowledge and experience
- Photography 101: learn new skills and approaches photo journalists use that will last a lifetime
- Closure: Thinking about the photos you will take and the story you will tell

You, Your Camera and Your Clarks Creek Story:
(Completed in the field after Session One and before Session Two)
Participants will be asked to take photos/images for the next meeting/session relating specifically to their experiences with Clark’s Creek, its use, importance to their community, and its current state of health. The Participant will submit up to 20 photos to: puy.photovoice@wsu.edu (see calendar for submittal date and submittal instructions for more details).

Session Two (Students/November 10th 5-8PM & Community Member/November 12th 6-9PM)
What we will accomplish together in Session Two: Participants will begin the process of sharing their photos and telling their stories/perspectives.
- Consensus group participants will share their photos in small breakout sessions
- Break and transition to larger discussion group
- Large groups will discuss the themes from each of the groups. “What were the themes that you came up with in your group? Strengths? Concerns? Did any themes focus on the “health” of the watershed? “What information/science about the health of the watershed do you feel you need?”—this will be the basis of the hands on watershed science to be developed and tailored for this group.
- Closure: What photos will you take for the next session? What stories do you want to tell with them?
Session Three (Students/November 17th 5-8PM & Community Member/November 19th 6-9PM)
What we will accomplish together in Session Three: Participants will receive hands on, tailored instruction on watershed science developed from their photos and questions. Science tells a great story!
• Closure: again, the participant will be asked about what photos they might take to tell their stories further.

You, Your Camera and Your Clarks Creek Story:
(Completed in the field after Session Three and before Session Four)
Participants will be asked to take photos/images for the next meeting/session relating specifically to their experiences with Clark’s Creek, its use, importance to their community, and its current state of health. The Participant will submit up to 20 photos to: puy.photovoice@wsu.edu (see calendar for submittal date and submittal instructions for more details)

Session Four (Students/November 24th 5-8PM & Community Member/December 3rd 6-9PM)
What we will accomplish together in Session Four: We will gather again to share the participants’ images/perspectives on the health of the Clark’s Creek watershed but also to discuss “next steps” regarding their “voice” and actions to raise awareness.
Part one:
• Discuss their images and themes
Break: Snack and socialize
• Transition to larger discussion group
Part two:
• What were the larger themes that the groups came up with, strengths or concerns?
• What can be done about the issues of concern and to reinforce the strengths talked about during discussions regarding the health of Clark’s Creek?
• Discuss photo voice exhibit: You will be invited to submit images and captions to be exhibited. Selected images will be displayed in a Gallery Exhibit in January 2016. Additional photographers will be invited to come and “Tell the stories” of their images to community leaders, educators and community members.

Gallery Exhibit
WSU will prepare a Clarks Creek PhotoVoice Gallery Exhibit Event January 2016. The project video and selected photos will be displayed on the PhotoVoice website.