

# Giving Voice to Vulnerable Groups: Doing Action Research During A Pandemic

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# One Project: Four voices (at least)

1. Leading voices of politicians & policy makers (cf. Adrienne)
2. Individual voices in practices of engaged care
3. Collective voices of organised stakeholders  
(CSOs, branch organisations, etc.)
4. Our voices as academics & citizens

## 2. Individual Voices

- Carol Bacchi (2014): problem representations at the heart of policies have discursive, subjectivation & lived effects
- Merel Visse & Tineke Abma (2018): approach policies as social practices that are ‘socially, historically, politically (thus critically), and culturally determined and emerging patterns of relations, interactions, and values’
- This implies: studying the lived experience of care receivers, loved ones, professionals and also care managers
- This leads to: co-production of knowledge about care (cf. Ward, Ray & Tanner, 2020)
- Co-production applies ideally also to the design of the research itself



### 3. Collective Voices

- Power map & hierarchies: Who is (invited) at the table?
- Civil society organisations can contribute to
  - Democracy: assembling citizens & amplifying voices
  - Care: Sustaining practices of care & ethical reflection
- Building solidarities with new movements and existing organisations

## 4. Our Voice

- Fabienne Brugère (2020): Crisis of care as ‘processes through which caring for the most vulnerable has become marginalized and through which the recognition of care-related practices, people, and institutions has been undermined’.
- Change the discursive field of policy makers through ethical reflection on the lived experiences of vulnerability, responsibility and necessity.



# Your Questions

- What do you think of our research design? Recommendations? Questions? Ideas?
- Are you familiar with an ethical framework for policy making in your country that can inspire us to build a Dutch version at the end of our project?

Thank you  
for your attention!

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