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## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTER

### We are merging!



Good news! As of this summer, the Citizen Science Center Zurich and the Participatory Science Academy are merging to become "Citizen Science Zurich". The merge will allow to join forces, use synergies, and better support and promote participatory citizen science in Zurich and beyond. It also brings new roles and responsibilities.

Also the newsletters will be merged. So the next newsletter you will receive from Citizen Science Zurich.

[team of Citizen Science Zurich](#)

## NEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY



### Join our team!

For the implementation and (further) development of our course offerings in the field of Citizen Science and participatory research, we have a vacancy for "Coordination of course development 60-80%". Application deadline is 2 July.

[apply now](#)

## NEWS FROM PARTNERS & PROJECTS



### Barrier-free mobility in the city of Zurich

The University of Zurich is launching the project "ZuriACT: Zurich Accessible CiTy" in cooperation with the city of Zurich. ZuriACT aims to create the basis for enriching sidewalk barriers data for mobility-restricted/impaired persons in Zurich. To do this, the project is looking for adults with age-related and situational mobility restrictions (e.g., parents with a pushchair), and mobility disabilities who would like to share their know-how and contribute to collecting data via a web application with the team's support.

[participate now](#)



### Wanted: Salutonauts and Mediconauts for an expedition into the Swiss Health Data Space

Dissatisfied with the slow digital transformation of the healthcare system in Switzerland? Join on an expedition into the Swiss health data space in which you will exert your right and claim your health relevant data from insurance companies, doctors, and health apps! The [Association Gesundheitsdatenraum Schweiz](#) will support you. We test existing data stores including the electronic patient dossier and data spaces. Together we share our experience and increase the pressure on data providers to make the data available in a standardized format.

[more information](#)



### Foundation of a Swiss-wide transdisciplinary society for individuals with variations of sex characteristics (VSC)

The Citizen Science research group in the field of VSC is founding a **Swiss-wide transdisciplinary society for individuals with VSC**. The society involves all people with variations of sex characteristics, independent of medical views, their families and professionals involved in accompaniment, counseling, support and care and other interested persons and institutions. The aim is to **improve exchange, networking** and promote **visibility in society**. The project team would like to invite all interested persons to a **founding meeting on 31.8.2023 (4pm - 8pm)**. Contact: [uchenna.kennedy@kispi.uzh.ch](mailto:uchenna.kennedy@kispi.uzh.ch)

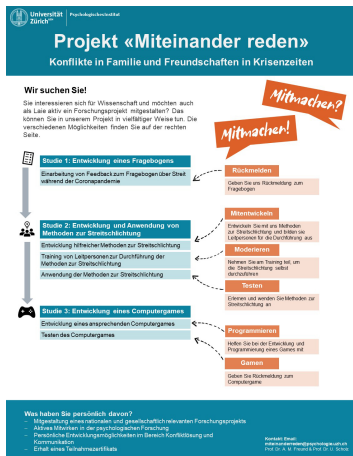
[more about the project](#)



### Exhibition on second home tourism

In the participatory research project [«Stories that are still missing»](#) they found that the history of second homes in Lucerne's Rigi communities has not yet been worked through. The regional museum, together with the association *Zweitwohnungen Vitznau*, has taken on this topic and is presenting the exhibition «Second Home. When holidays become more». You can see various aspects of second home tourism as well as a Film produced by the association with member portraits.

[visit the exhibition](#)



### Are you interested in psychology and in peaceful communication? (project in German)

In April 2023, the research project "Miteinander reden" (Talking to each other) has started at the Department of Psychology of the University of Zurich. In this project, guidance is being developed for resolving conflicts in friendships and families in times of social crisis. The project is based on the opinions and experiences of Swiss citizens who are interested in the topic. Find out more and register without obligation for an online information evening.

[more info and registration](#)



### The little plane tree trail: discovering urban trees with your smartphone

In the industrial district, Zurich's heat hotspot, three selected habitats of plane trees were analyzed and their climate impact was calculated. The [web app «Züri begrünt»](#) accompanies the visit to the three locations, contains an audio guide in Swiss German and a lot of interesting information about the climate-ecological effect of the trees. The tree tour was created as part of a seed grant from the Participatory Science Academy and was realized by the Zurich indie web lab [su-pa.net](#). The information boards with quiz questions and QR codes will be placed near the plane trees from July. Have fun discovering!

[more about the project](#)



## Results of Citizen Science project "My Survival Story" published in scientific article

The results of the study by [My Survival Story](#) and the [Institute for Complementary and Integrative Medicine of the University Hospital Zurich](#), funded by the Participatory Science Academy and the Swiss Cancer Foundation, are now published in an open-access scientific article.

The use of a co-creative citizen science approach helped identify relevant features of cancer survival stories and following a needs-oriented approach. Thus, the stories could be a helpful resource for patient education regarding coping with the disease.

[to the scientific article](#)



A video summary of the main study findings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday,**  
**03.07.**  
**15:00 - 16:30**

### Webinar: Open Data in Citizen Science Projects (in German)

What is behind the term Open Data? What relevance does Open Data have for Citizen Science? And what experiences and structures already exist in Citizen Science projects? In this introductory webinar with Prof. Dr. Stefan Scherbaum (University of Dresden) and Dr. Melanie Röthlisberger (University of Zurich) you will be introduced to the topic of Open Data.

Open Data in Citizen Science is a series of events organized by the D-A-CH-AG - an association of stakeholders from Germany, Austria and Switzerland with the aim of strengthening collaboration and exchange on Citizen Science in the German-speaking countries.

[More information and registration](#)

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**Tuesday,  
26.09.  
16:00**

### **Save the Date: Open House Citizen Science Zurich**

We open our doors and invite you to visit us, to learn more about us and to connect with peers during our Open House in September. Doors open around 16:00, with the official programme starting at 17:00. The detailed programme and more information will follow. Stay tuned!

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**Monday,  
02.10.  
18:15 - 19:15**

### **Book Talk "We the Scientists" - Amy Dockser Marcus**

On 2 October 2023, 18:15-19:15, [Amy Dockser Marcus](#), reporter in The Wall Street Journal, will visit [the Health Ethics & Policy Lab](#), ETH Zurich, to talk about her newest book "We the Scientists: How A Daring Team of Parents and Doctors Forged a New Path for Medicine". The book is about the role of patients in advancing biomedical research.

[More information](#)

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**Thursday,  
19.10.**

### **Save the Date: "Connect. Collaborate. Create" Conference**

This interactive conference, jointly coordinated by two Horizon 2020 projects, [COESO](#) and [PRO-Ethics](#), will bridge key European citizen science communities. The conference takes place from 19. - 21. October in [Aubervilliers, Campus Condorcet](#) in Paris.

[More information](#)

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**Saturday,  
21.10.**

**Sunday,  
29.10.**

### **Citizen Science for Health Conference**

The first international Citizen Science for Health conference takes place end of October at University of Twente in Enschede, the Netherlands.

[More information and registration](#)

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**Wednesday,**

01.11.

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**Wednesday,  
29.11.**

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**Thursday,  
30.11.**

**Forum Citizen Science 2023 (in German)**

The motto of this year's Citizen Science Forum is "Creating Knowledge with Diversity". It will take place at the University of Freiburg. The conference offers the German-speaking citizen science community a platform for discussion, exchange of experiences and networking.

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