

Organizer Survey

This survey is meant to help us define, understand and support the Public Lab Organizers community. The results of this survey will be shared amongst the organizers group and the Public Lab nonprofit as a way to measure impact. Information on the Public Lab nonprofit evaluation project can be found here: <https://publiclab.org/notes/Shannon/03-01-2016/creating-an-evaluation-framework-for-public-lab>

* Required

Contact information and new materials

We're updating our contact info for organizers and also checking in to see if you would like any publications?

1. Name: *

2. Update mailing address:

Separate your address onto multiple lines for Address Line 1, Address Line 2, etc.

3. Phone Number (optional)

Partners and Projects: Let us know what you've been up to!

List any projects you're working on (Public Lab or otherwise) you'd like to share with the organizers group or the larger Public Lab community. Please specify if you would like to not share any of these with the larger Public Lab community.

4. Project #1

Project Type:

Mark only one oval.

- Technical Project (ie tool or web development)
- Field Project (ie working with a community group on a project)
- Workshop/Training/Speaking Engagment
- Other

5. Please briefly describe the project

6. Project #2

Project Type:

Mark only one oval.

- Technical Project (ie tool or web development)
- Field Project (ie working with a community group on a project)
- Workshop/Training/Speaking Engagment
- Other

7. Please briefly describe the project

8. Project #3

Project Type:

Mark only one oval.

- Technical Project (ie tool or web development)
- Field Project (ie working with a community group on a project)
- Workshop/Training/Speaking Engagment
- Other

9. Please briefly describe the project

10. Other projects:

More?!? Wow, that's awesome! Tell us about it.

11. Are there any partner organizations, institutions or community relations you have, or are developing?

Community relations can include working with people who are not associated with a specific group, for example students or people from a certain geographic area. Please specify if you would not like to share any of these with the larger Public Lab community.

Other Activities

12. On average, how often do you do the following? *

These questions are not meant to put pressure on you; we all probably wish we could do more! But the more we can all understand what activities and projects organizers do, the better we can help improve our collective work and do more with the time we have!

Mark only one oval per row.

	Once a week	Once a month	A few times a year	Once a year	Not in the past year	Never
Call into an open call	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write a research note	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contribute to a Public Lab wiki	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Host a Public Lab event	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend a Public Lab event (including Barnraising and OpenHours)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work on a Public Lab project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initiate a Public Lab Project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mention Public Lab in casual conversation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make a presentation that mentions Public Lab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify in comments below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Other:

14. Are there any Public Lab efforts that you would like to be more involved with or new projects you'd like to develop or work on in the future? If so, which ones?

Check all that apply.

- Web based projects
- Tool based projects
- Regional project
- Other: _____

15. Tell us more about the project(s) noted above that you're interested in:

16. What makes you interested in working on this?

17. What would help you work on it?

Did anything happen as a result of attending Public Lab events in the last year?

Please read through the four questions below and check all that apply for each question (e.g.: "I posted a research note because of 1) the Barnraising and 2) OpenHour" AND "I found collaborators because of 1) the Organizer's Summit, 2) the Barnraising and 3) OpenHour")

18. 1. I posted a research note because of:

Check all that apply.

- The Barnraising
- The Organizer Summit
- OpenHour
- A Public Lab workshop
- An Open Call
- Other Public Lab event
- Other: _____

19. 2. I started a new project because of:

Check all that apply.

- The Barnraising
- The Organizer Summit
- OpenHour
- A Public Lab workshop
- An Open Call
- Other Public Lab event
- Other: _____

20. 3. I found collaborators because of:

Check all that apply.

- The Barnraising
- The Organizer Summit
- OpenHour
- A Public Lab workshop
- An Open Call
- Other Public Lab event
- Other: _____

21. 4. I joined someone else's project as a collaborator because of:

Check all that apply.

- The Barnraising
- The Organizer Summit
- OpenHour
- A Public Lab workshop
- An Open Call
- Other Public Lab event
- Other: _____

22. Tell us about any of the above that you think are exciting. Please be specific. What about these Public Lab events supported you to start a new project or collaborate with others?

23. In an effort to track the impact of Public Lab events we have been using the "Events Tracking Form." Do you have suggestions for other tools for tracking impact that would be easier for you to contribute to?

New Idea Questions

A couple of new ideas came up at the Organizer's Summit this year. Hoping to get a read about how you feel about these things in the questions below:

Staying in touch

Over the past 6 months we have stopped doing weekly organizer's calls in favor of Monthly Open Calls and Tuesday Open Research Calls that anyone can join. We'd like to know how this is going for you and if there is anything you'd like to see otherwise.

24. In regards to the organizer's call,

Please check all that apply:
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- I would like to see the weekly organizer's calls come back.
- A quarterly organizer's call would be useful.
- I don't see the need for connecting with organizers over a special call.
- Other: _____

25. Can you elaborate on your above answers? Why do you feel this way?

26. Do you have other ideas on things that can be done?

Supporting tasks

There has been interest and discussions on ways to better organize the work that is needed to be done on Public Lab. One idea that came from the Organizer's Summit was to identify and post discrete

tasks on publiclab.org. Here is a document that includes examples of tasks. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fjc_v9vcMKKBzsNM3HlmiMIXK39ukjkuiKoACI70TyE/edit

27. Having a clear list of tasks on publiclab.org:

Please check all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Would be helpful for me.
- Would be helpful in showing others what can be done.
- Is something I think I would use or refer to.
- I don't see the need for identifying discrete tasks on Public Lab.
- Other: _____

28. Can you elaborate on your above answers? Why do you feel this way?

29. Do you have other ideas on things that can be done?

Concluding thoughts

30. Do you feel you've learned any new skills from other organizers or staff by being an organizer with Public Lab? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

31. If yes, please tell us about what you've learned, and how you've used it!

32. What is the most challenging part of being an organizer, and what do you suggest could improve your experience? *

33. What is the most rewarding part of being an organizer? *

Active/Inactive and Anonymity

34. Active/Inactive list

We recognize that, at times, the responsibilities of being a Public Lab organizer fall behind other demands. Therefore, you have the opportunity to define your status as an organizer, as either "active" or "inactive" this will be reflected on the Organizer's page. Organizers can move between active and inactive at any time at their discretion as they denote in this survey and on the organizer's page. Inactive organizers are NOT removed from the organizer's group or google group.

Check all that apply.

[] Please move me to the inactive list.

35. Please specify if you would like any (or all) of your responses to be anonymous. The results of this survey will otherwise be shared with the organizers group.

