

Reanimating Data Method.

Recollecting worksheet.

Working with archives can inspire people to create their own archives or to contribute material for future generations. Personal recollection can be facilitated by the use of objects. As researchers we can share the opportunity to choose objects or memorabilia from our own personal archive, to encourage participants to reflect on why they have kept these precious things and to think about how they might form part of an archive for the future. Try it for yourself.



Is there something that you can find in your belongings that captures something of your personal or work identity, your aspirations for the future? Once you have found an object spend 15 minutes free writing using these questions as a prompt:

- What is the object? What does this mean to you?
- Why have you kept it?
- What moment does it capture for you?
- What message linked to the object would you like to share with future generations?
- How could you adapt this approach for your research?

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