**Planning a Research Project**

* What is the **aim/focus** of our research project?
* What **question/s** might focus this research project?
* Why is this research project **significant/important**? (educational, economic, health, social, political benefits)
* How will research project contribute to the bank of **knowledge already known** about this area?
* How will this research project **create new knowledge**?
* What **literature** will inform our investigation? (content & method)
* What **research has preceded** this investigation & how will it inform the way we undertake this research?
* How will we investigate our research question/s? (**qualitative, quantitative, mixed method**)
* Why is this approach the most appropriate way to investigate our research question/s?
* What **tools/methods** will we use to gather data to investigate the research question/s? (survey, interviews, focus groups, document analysis, narrative [personal story], field notes, observations, photo/video analysis, other)
* **Who** might be our **participants** in our research?
* **How many** participants might we need?
* How will we **recruit** these participants?
* How will we **inform** these participants of the nature/procedures of the research & their involvement commitments?
* Why have we selected to undertake these procedures?
* How will we **analyse** our data? (by hand, NVivo, SPSS, thematically)
* Why have we chosen to analyse data this way?
* Do we need **ethics approval** for this research project?
* Which **funding source** is most appropriate to support this research?
* In which **journals** might we publish the findings of this research project?
* At which **conferences** might we present the findings of this research project?
* How might this research be **up-scaled** to include other participants, sites, documents?