

*How to go towards a*  
**collaborative meta mapping platform**  
**for London community-led planning**  
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As a planner interested in London planning driven by communities, my dream tool would be a **collaborative meta mapping platform where you could aggregate and share all sort of spatial data that can be useful for London planning.**

It would be online, interactive, open-data and crowd-sourced.

A powerful search engine would allow you to data mine the large diversity of data.

**The community of users and mappers** would have the possibility to comment every data, correct it or add content. Through this process the data would be assessed the same way as it is in Wikipedia or Open Street Map.

**Collecting data interesting London communities would be a priority**, and in particular data on community assets. **Participatory mapping would be encouraged** through public workshops during neighbourhood festivals, an attractive and playful design of the platform and an easy use.

**Because of its broad range of data it would also be a tool for a large range of specialists** as researchers, journalists, historians, tourism and culture agencies, urban ecologists and environmentalists, small businesses ... and even treasure hunt designers ! **But overall for planning and especially community-led planning for London.**

**My PhD will explore this question** thanks to a pilot collaborative platform to map London community assets ([JustMap](#)) as well as a series of interviews of autodidact and professional mappers interested in community data and collaborative mapping.

**Please find below the different research from CASA that I found connected to some central topics of my PhD. I would really appreciate to organise a meeting with some of these researchers if they think that some kind of collaboration or discussion could interest them.**

	data from communities (participatory)	meta mapping platform	spatial data sharing	crowd sourced data	textual data or data mining	
<b>Survey of London</b>						Martin Austwick, Duncan hay
<b>Remap Lima</b>						Flora Roumpani
<b>Colouring London</b>						Polly Hudson
<b>Gemma</b>						Steven Gray, Richard Milton, Andy Hudson-Smith
<b>Map Tube / GeoVUE</b>						Andy Hudson-Smith, Richard Milton
<b>Survey Mapper + NeiSS</b>						Steven Gray, Andy Hudson-Smith
<b>Online interactive mapping</b>						Duncan Smith
<b>Spatial data mining</b>						Doublebyte
<b>Textal</b>						Steven Gray