

Collaborative mapping for London community-led planning

Call to the London mappers community

A pilot collaborative map :

Just Place is a collaborative map in progress which objective is to highlight common resources and alternatives related to planning issues, while connecting actors campaigning for a fairer London. Being more visible, they could have more scope for action as well as more confidence regarding their influence. Through the map interaction they could share knowledge and build cooperations by networking at local scale as well as metropolitan.

Collecting, classifying and updating this immense quantity of fine grain data is only possible through a collaborative action.

See blog + map in progress on : <http://justplace-london.blogspot.co.uk/>

A broader research on collaborative mapping for London :

The Just Place map is one example among many others in London. As the following diagram shows it, different DIY as well as professional mappers, are already producing scattered partial data-sets related to citizen participation, inclusion or community data.

How to regroup those citizen and community data-sets ? How to build up a London community of mappers concerned with these issues ? And finally to extend the question :

Would it be interesting to build a collaborative mapping platform to collect and visualise a broad range of citizen data for a London community-led planning ?

It is essential to ask this question to some of the mappers of this first inventory (following diagram), with a focus on 5 others points :

WHY: Why are you interested in collaborative mapping, citizen participation or community data ? What are your objectives ? Why do you think it is important for planning ? What are the values that support your approach ? What is your general opinion on the possibility of a "catch all" data platform for citizen planning ?

WHAT : What are you mapping today ? What would you also like to map or be mapped in the future ?

HOW1 : Technique ? What technique are you using today ? What are the limits and how would you like to evolve ? What could be the model for a possible common platform ? OSM ? Another idea ? What filters and tags to create for this broad citizen database so it would be possible to extract specific visualisations on specific topics useful for community-led planning?

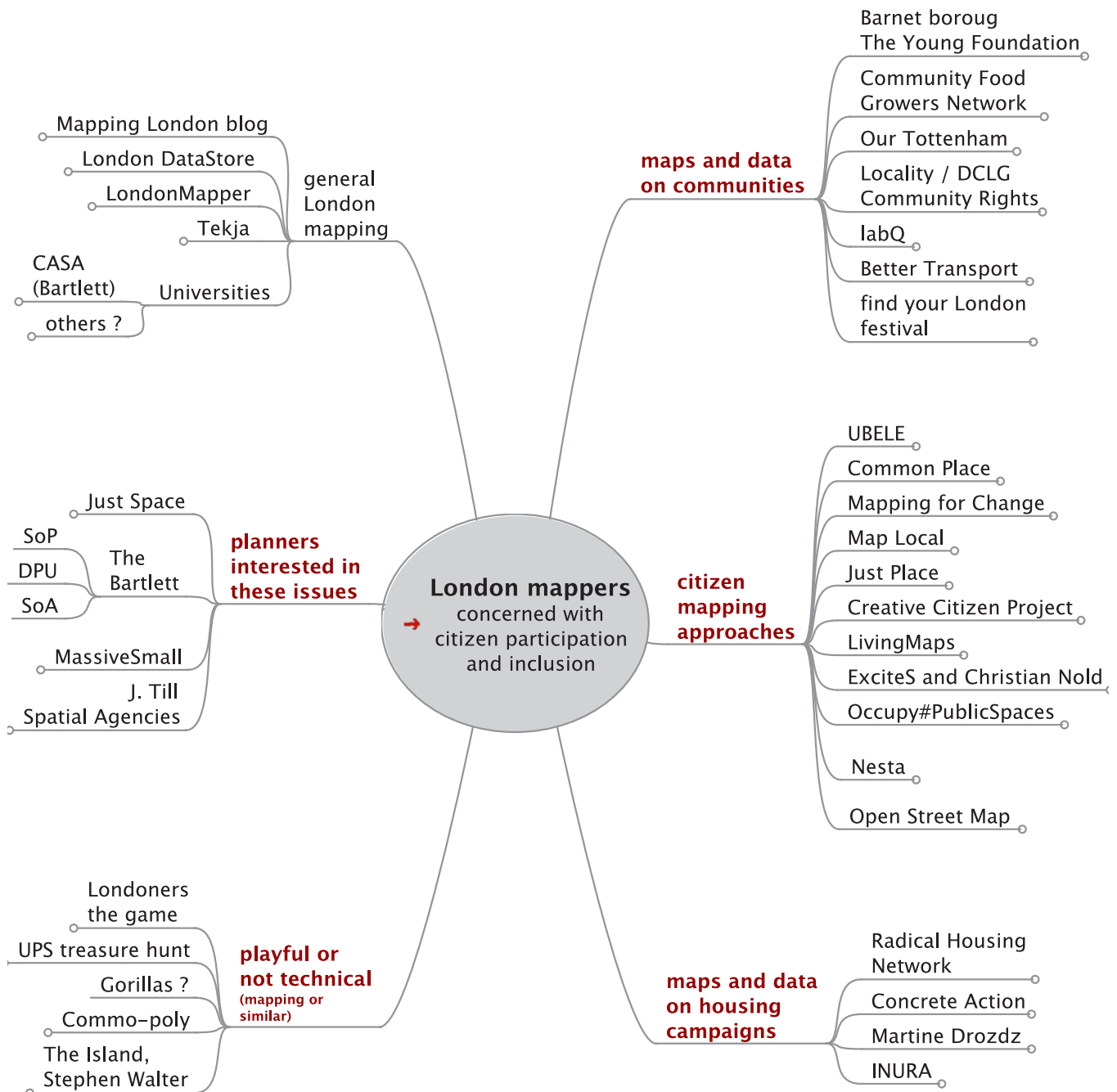
HOW2 : Interface ? What interface (relationships with participants and maps visualisations) are you using today ? What are the limits and how would you like to evolve ? What could be the model for an eventual common platform ?

HOW3 : Governance ? Are you confronted to this issue or ethic issues ? What could be the model for the future platform ? OSM ? Another idea ? Do you know other groups or categories that should be added to the London mappers diagram ?

*Are you interested in this research for a possible collaborative platform ?
Would it be possible to have an interview with you on these questions ?*

Would it be possible to build up a community with London mappers interested in citizen data ?

Would this community support the idea of a collaborative mapping platform to collect and visualise a broad range of citizen data for a London community-led planning ?



Existing London mapping approaches concerned with citizen participation and inclusion

(in general and in planning in particular)

The diagram above shows a first overview of this community. More you dig and more you find mappers.

The right side of the chart consists of mappers that are directly concerned by citizen participation or inclusion, while those of the left side are only partially concerned.

You can find web links of these groups on the [blog](#).