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scientific, economy, environment, social

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# Peep Under the Elbe

**Initiator(s)**  
Critical Art Ensemble

**Description**  
The project aimed at providing residents of Wilhelmsburg, a poor and neglected neighbourhood in Hamburg, a water testing kit for analysing the quality of the canal water near their homes in order to find out clean swimming and fishing areas.

**Context**

**Goals**  
Try to encourage populations who use the canals for recreation to move around a bit, finding where the safest places were for the popular activities of swimming and fishing.

**Beneficial outcomes**  
It empowered people with tools, CAE tested the quality of the local water, and gave the inhabitants water testing kits to monitor their own environments.

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