Open Source Cities:  
Next Generation Community Mapping & Open Data Infrastructure
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Community-led mapping practices have become an integral part of architecture and design, geography and urban studies, and artistic, curatorial, and social scientific research. In order to study the transformation of urban systems, researchers can no longer rely on inherited, proprietary maps; the next generation of urban scholars are learning to map the city with new tools and, together with residents, develop public, open source, and open access resources for civic co-management and participatory democracy.

Essential for this work is developing a better understanding of how new open source software (OSS) and open data management tools can respond to community-led activities; such a dialogue must happen in both directions to allow the technical advancement to keep pace with community action and to allow community organizers to benefit from new OSS tools. During the Open Source Cities session, we will examine new methods of OSS development as means for community transformation, preservation, and resistance in an era of relentless urban “renewal” and development.

We welcome three “types” of participants: community organizers and planners in need of better mapping tools; technical experts working on open source software development; funding bodies and government agencies who can support the development of these tools. We are excited to develop this conversation as part of the Open Platform programme of the Asia Art Archive. Please join us for what promises to be a lively discussion!

More information:
http://www.aaa.org.hk/OpenPlatform

Participants include:
+ Dr. Tomas Holderness, 2014 Twitter Data Grant Recipient & Geomatics Research Fellow, SMART Infrastructure Facility
+ Mart van de Ven, Co-founder & Director, and Darcy Christ, Journalism and Policy Analyst, Open Data Hong Kong
+ Hong Kong MTR Data and Social Media Representative (TBD)
+ Paul Zimmerman, Founder & CEO, Designing Hong Kong
+ Gabrielle Kirstein, Executive Director, Feeding HK
+ Benjamin Sin, Team Leader, Caritas Community Development Project
+ Other local NGOs and community groups interested in or currently using open mapping tools

Community activists from Ciliwung Merdeka in Bukit Duri, Jakarta, test a new social media platform for post-flood damage surveys in Feb. 2014.