

Additional file 1. Preliminary search strategy developed in PubMed (to be adapted for other databases)

Search	Query	Results
#17	Search: ((((((((((community participation [MeSH Terms]) OR (community collective action)) OR (community social capital)) OR (citizen participation)) OR (citizen empowerment)) OR (community critical awareness)) OR (community critical consciousness)) OR (empowerment education)) OR (community engagement)) OR (community participation)) OR (community empowerment)) AND ((health education) OR (health promotion)) Filters: Humans, from 1986 - 2021	29,400
#16	Search: ((((((((((community participation [MeSH Terms]) OR (community collective action)) OR (community social capital)) OR (citizen participation)) OR (citizen empowerment)) OR (community critical awareness)) OR (community critical consciousness)) OR (empowerment education)) OR (community engagement)) OR (community participation)) OR (community empowerment)) AND ((health education) OR (health promotion))	35,762
#15	Search: ((((((((((community participation [MeSH Terms]) OR (community collective action)) OR (community social capital)) OR (citizen participation)) OR (citizen empowerment)) OR (community critical awareness)) OR (community critical consciousness)) OR (empowerment education)) OR (community engagement)) OR (community participation)) OR (community empowerment)	115,641
#14	Search: (health education) OR (health promotion)	828,732
#13	Search: health education	771,939
#12	Search: health promotion	160,131
#11	Search: community participation [MeSH Terms]	44,562
#10	Search: community collective action	1,060
#9	Search: community social capital	3,834
#8	Search: citizen participation	5,290
#7	Search: citizen empowerment	291
#6	Search: community critical awareness	2,085
#5	Search: community critical consciousness	208
#4	Search: empowerment education	6,490
#3	Search: community engagement	50,967
#2	Search: community participation	68,504
#1	Search: community empowerment	4,713