



# Critical Art Ensemble

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## Peep Under the Elbe

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**Initiator:**  
Critical Art Ensemble

**Location:**  
Germany

**Category:**  
scientific, economy, environment,  
social

**Users:**  
CAE (Steve Kurtz, Lucia Sommer  
and Steve Barnes), Inhabitants.

**Maintained by:**  
Exhibition 'Natur/Kultur', curated  
by Anke Haarmann and Harald  
Lemke

**Duration:**  
2008

**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.

**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.

**Images:**

