PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This PhD seeks to understand civic pride in the city of Nottingham in the East Midlands. Through a diverse range of methods and source material, I hope to develop an 'emotional geography' of pride as it framed, organised, performed and celebrated by different groups in the city. The emotion of pride, as well as the idea of civic pride, has been given scant attention within urban cultural geography and it is my intention to show how civic pride is an important, though fragile, emotion which frames how people view, act and reflect upon their environment.

THEORETICAL CONCERNS:
* To understand how civic pride has been embedded in processes of urban managerialism and entrepreneurialism within the modern day cultural economy.
* To explore the spatial-political practices of pride as they are expressed by different groups. For example, what kinds of buildings and monuments are expressive of civic pride and who gets represented in these?
* To understand the temporal dimensions of civic pride. Is it a nostalgia for the past, or is it a celebration of the present and possibly the future?
* What is the importance of local and city-wide events for generating pride?

METHODS:
Interviews, participant observation, field diaries, photography, walking tours with participants, organising a community event, songs, poetry, artworks

My challenge is to try and get at the experience of emotions, which are not always so easily spoken or written about. Therefore I need to consider elements of performance and the 'non-representational' geographies of pride. This is why a variety of textual and practice based methods are necessary.

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Putting Nottingham on the Map:
"Nottingham, generally pronounced Nottigub by its beetle-browed inhabitants, is also known as Nottingun, Shottoningam and Shootingham; the differences in spelling being due to the necessary translation of the name into English. A small and picturesque village, Nottingham can be found in The People’s Republic of the East Midlands, which can be located on the outskirts of London, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Manchester and Glasgow." (Unclyopedia 2012)