

Beginner's Guide to Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in research

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) offers many benefits to you and your research. Read on to get started.

Public Engagement (PE)

What is it?

A two-way dialogue connecting higher education research and education with members of the public.

Why do it?

Public engagement allows you to develop new skills, to explore new perspectives and to revitalise interest in your work. It can help you to secure research funding.



Credit: UCL Culture

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Research carried out 'with' or 'by' members of the public rather than 'to', 'about' or 'for' them.

Why do it?

Involving patients and the public with their 'lived experience' in research has shown to improve its quality and relevance.



Credit: UCLH

Watch researchers talk about 'Why engage the public with Genome Editing?' by the Biochemical Society



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z55l_02JJY&list=PLKzT3b3RHQwiGcANUEVXiPIfEx5nvEaaT

Hear from researchers about the benefits of involving people with Parkinson's in their work by Parkinson's UK



<https://youtu.be/zRQnoot8Kkk>

How to do it? Whether it is a hands-on activity, school lesson or talk, below are some starting points. Chat to your peers and supervisor or get in touch with local PPIE Leads (see PPI section).

- **UCL Public Engagement Unit** – helps you with public engagement in all stages of the research cycle
www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/public-engagement/advice-and-support
- **UCL Public Engagement Network** – keeps you updated about PE via meetings and newsletters
www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/public-engagement/creating-networks
- **Early Careers Network** – supports early and mid-career researchers through workshops and networking events
www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/personalised-medicine

How to do it? From a conversation to co-production, there is no one-way to do PPI but many resources, including workshops and online training, to get you started:

- **UCLH PPI training, bursaries and advice**
www.uclhospitals.brc.nihr.ac.uk/investigators/ppi/at-a-glance
- **NIHR Involve Online training and other PPIE resources**
www.invo.org.uk/resource-centre/learning-and-development/public-reviewing-with-the-national-institute-for-health-research-nihr/#top
- **Get in touch with local PPIE Leads**
 - **UCL Blood and Transplant Research Unit**
– PPIE Coordinator, I.vonneree@ucl.ac.uk
 - **UCLH Biomedical Research Centre**
– PPI Team, ppihelpdesk@ucl.ac.uk
 - **UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health**
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