

**2008**

UCL becomes a **Beacon for Public Engagement** and sets up the Public Engagement Unit (PEU)

Awarded **£1.2 million** as a Beacon

UCL launches **Grand Challenges** programme

**2009**

We have funded **322 projects**

Creation of UCL internal public engagement funding schemes including the flagship **Beacon Bursary programme**

**2010**

UCL creates its first **Public Engagement Strategy**

"The first UCL Public Engagement Strategy gave us permission to really shake up the university, to take risks and find out what worked – and didn't work – in public engagement practice."

**Dr Hilary Jackson**

The PEU creates the **Train and Engage** programme providing both training in public engagement and funding for PhD students

We have trained **5,572 UCL staff and students** in public engagement

UCL is the first signatory of **RCUK's Public Engagement with Research Concordat**

**2011**

**Bright Club** sells out at the Bloomsbury Theatre

We have run **97 Bright Clubs** attended by over **10,300 people**, with **515 performers**

"It has certainly made me think about how to present my research to a wider audience in an immediate and entertaining way. When I did a TEDx talk I drew on my Bright Club experiences to put together my talk on 'the joy of swearing'."

**Dr Geraldine Horan**

UCL signs up to National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement's **(NCCPE) Manifesto for Public Engagement**



**2012**

Creating Connections established by PEU and the Volunteering Service

17 Creating Connections events with over 600 UCL and voluntary sector participants

End of Beacon for Public Engagement Programme

Over 37,560 people took part in the UCL Beacon's project and programme activities

"The PEU has been successful in creating an independent structure and model for public engagement, and has... driven a culture change at UCL both at a strategic and grassroots level."

Final UCL Beacon Evaluation Report

The PEU expands, now funded centrally by UCL

**2013**

We have advised on **£127 million of successful external grants**

We have supported over **1,400 public engagement projects**

**2014**



Launch of **UCL 2034** which enshrines public engagement within UCL's vision and aims

The PEU works closely with the Research Impact Curation and Support team to strengthen UCL's submission to the **Research Excellence Framework**

PEU's **Focus on the Positive** wins NCCPE National Award for Public Engagement

**74,251 people** have attended PEU-led events

**2015**

PEU hosts the **SPARK Festival** on the Olympic Park – building relationships with communities in East London

**20 project teams** comprising **113 UCL staff and students** showcased their research at SPARK Festival, attended by **over 3000 people**

**2016**



Dr Rose Gilbert, 2016 winner of a UCL Provost's Award for Public Engagement, goes on to win NCCPE National Award for Public Engagement

51 staff and students from UCL have won **Provost's Awards for Public Engagement**

UCL launches **Connected Curriculum**

Creation of the **UCL Public Engagement Network**

**2017**

First issue of NCCPE and UCL Institute of Education's journal **Research for All**

Launch of new **UCL Academic Careers Framework**, designed to support every type of academic career path including public engagement

New **UCL Public Engagement Strategy (2017-2021)** is launched

PEU/Aston-Mansfield create the **Evaluation Exchange** to build evaluation capacity within UCL and the sustainability of London's voluntary sector

"The Evaluation Exchange enabled us to look at things anew, as well as making us feel inspired and invigorated in our approach to tackling difficult evaluation challenges."

**IROKO Theatre Company**

**2018**

Publication of **draft UCL London Strategy**

Publication of new **draft UCL Research Strategy** including focus on fostering public collaboration in research to benefit communities

"We encourage all researchers – and professional staff supporting the research endeavour – to view your work as part of a collective effort to help UCL to make the most of its potential as a force for public good."  
**Professor David Price, UCL Vice-Provost (Research)**