UCL Centre for Co-production in Health Research: the story so far...

The UCL Centre for Co-production in Health Research exists to support co-production in health research, innovation and practice, especially in relation to the needs and priorities of less-often heard communities. We do this through bringing together a diverse network of expertise and experience (researchers, patients, practitioners, carers and community members) to generate and share learning around co-production, facilitate co-production projects and build the co-production movement.

"Opened my mind to different views, and learning from experience.”
Centre community member

Informed by learning from Phase 1, 4 co-production projects supported with bigger grants over a longer period – up to £15K per project over 7 months (end Feb 2020)

Approx. 160 co-producers contributed to these sessions. For those we have monitoring information about:
- 39% identify as having a disability
- 54% are from white backgrounds
- 33% are aged under 35
- 34% are aged 35-55
- 33% are aged over 55

5 co-production projects funded up to £5K per project, over 4 months.

Action Youth Boxing Intervention co-produced an evaluation plan and theory of change for their wellbeing programme. By co-producing with researchers, staff and young people, they:
- identified unexpected outcomes
- tested and refined their evaluation approach
- built the skills and capacity of team members
- developed programme improvements
- generated evidence of impact

They have since secured further funding and commissions, raised their profile and grown their activity.

Over 700 followers in 6 months. 19K reach

"I realised that co-production could be done, and it was more than a concept – there was a pragmatic and focused role it could play in my work.”
PPI Manager and co-producer

"The session made me more confident to be more flexible/creative. It energised and encouraged me.”
Centre community member