Public Engagement at UCL

What is Public Engagement?

Public engagement means many things to many people, but at its core is the idea of two way dialogue connecting higher education research and education with members of the public.

Aims within our Public Engagement Strategy

| Aim 1: Enable UCL to become a global leader in listening to communities and engaging with public groups |
| Aim 2: Champion a culture of public engagement across UCL |
| Aim 3: Enable the UCL community to be effective in public engagement activity |
| Aim 4: Put UCL at the centre of London conversations, creating London-wide impact and being a good neighbour |

Three things make UCL’s take on public engagement distinctive:

- We focus on collaboration
- We open the conversation to all, particularly those whose voices are heard less often
- We encourage a spirit of experimentation, learning and sharing

What we offer you...

Advice and Support
We hold bi-weekly drop-in sessions for anyone at UCL who needs help or advice with public engagement, and offer tailored support for individuals, teams and departments.

Funding
Our two public engagement funding schemes can help put the ideas of students and staff into practice:

- Beacon Bursaries - For staff and postgraduate research students who want to connect their research and teaching with people outside UCL. Up to £2000 per project.
- Train and Engage - A training and funding scheme for postgraduate research students who want to develop their public engagement skills. Up to £1000 per project.

Training
We offer a range of training opportunities to staff and students to help them develop skills that will assist them in designing and managing their public engagement projects.

Evaluation
We share case studies and resources and offer advice and training to staff and students for evaluating their public engagement project.

Networks
We offer a number of networking opportunities to help staff and students link with peers and get inspired. These include: The UCL Public Engagement Network, Creating Connections, The School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS) Community of Engagers, the UCL East Engagement Network and Creating Connections East.

Reward and Recognition
The Provosts Awards for Public Engagement and Research For All journal are opportunities for staff and students to celebrate the impact of their public engagement project.

For more information, visit our website on: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/public-engagement
Who we are...

The Public Engagement team has been part of UCL since 2009, starting as an externally funded project and now internally funded and situated within UCL Culture, as a core part of the university. The Public Engagement team exists to champion UCL’s founding vision to open education and knowledge to the world. The Team works closely with the wider Engagement team encompassing Community Engagement (East), Schools Engagement and Evaluation, and with partners across the university such as UCL Arena.

We are a core team of seven (7) under the Director of Engagement, Laura Cream. We are based in Bidborough House (4th floor).

- Dom Galliano: Head of Public Engagement
- Georgia Pitts: Public Engagement Manager (BEAMS)
- Hilary Jackson: Public Engagement Manager (BEAMS)
- Louise Dredge: Public Engagement Manager (SLASH & IoE)
- Helen Craig: Public Engagement Manager (SLMS)
- Marie Xypaki: Curriculum and Public Engagement Consultant (UCL Engagement and UCL Arena)
- Niccola Hutchinson-Pascal: Project Manager - UCL Centre for Co-production in Health Research

Get in touch via email publicengagement@ucl.ac.uk
Follow us on Twitter @UCLEngage

Upcoming opportunities...

January 2019

**Advice and Support:**
Drop-in session
9th January, 3-5pm / 23rd January, 3-5pm

**Awards:** Nominations open for the Provost’s Awards for Public Engagement (deadline 28th January)

**Networks:** The Public Engagement Network meets for a session on ‘What to do when you don’t know what to do!’. 30th January, 2-4pm. Venue: Institute of Education, Room W3.06

February 2019

**Advice and Support:**
Drop-in session
6th February, 3-5pm / 20th February, 3-5pm

March 2019

**Networks:** The Public Engagement Network meets for a session on ‘Ethics and Public Engagement’. 13th March, 2-4pm. Venue: Institute of Education, Room 802.