



UCL Public Engagement

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

[Review the UCL Public Engagement Strategy](#)

What we offer you...

Advice and Support

We offer advice and tailored support on public engagement to 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.

[Find out more about UCL Engagement opportunities](#)

Who we are...

The Public Engagement team exists to champion UCL's founding vision to open education and knowledge to the world. We have 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. We work closely with the wider Engagement team led by Director of Engagement, Laura Cream, which encompasses Community Engagement (East), Schools Engagement and Evaluation, and with partners across the university such as UCL Arena.

- Dom Galliano: Head of Public Engagement
- Georgia Pitts: Public Engagement Manager (BEAMS)
- Louise Dredge: Public Engagement Manager (SLASH & IoE)
- Helen Craig: Public Engagement Manager (SLMS)
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You can find us at UCL Culture in Bidborough House (4th floor).

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Upcoming opportunities...

March 2019

Advice and Support:

Open session for all UCL staff on *Curriculum Design for UCL East – Developing informal partnerships (with communities)*, 28th March, 1:00-2:30pm. Venue: UCL Arena, 10th floor, 1-19 Torrington Place. Please RSVP to marie.xypaki@ucl.ac.uk.

Networks:

The [Public Engagement Network](#) meets for a session on *Tackling ethical issues in public engagement - what to look out for and what to do about it*. 13th March, 2:00-4:00pm. Venue: Institute of Education, Room 802.

Training:

[Train and Engage](#) – our flagship training programme for postgraduate research students, 26th March – 10th April.

April 2019

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May 2019

Networks: The [Public Engagement Network](#) meets for a session on *Enhancing student experience through public engagement*. 8th May, 2:00-4:00pm. Venue: Roberts Building, Room 422.