



Engagement and Place Support 2021-22

INTRODUCTION

The Engagement and Place Team brings together academic and professional services colleagues working across engagement to develop a culture of public engagement that supports better research and teaching across our institution.

The team offers a programme of support for academics and professional services staff, including: workshops, networks, funding, and communication channels, as well as recognising quality engagement through our annual awards and engagement stories.

Please read on for upcoming and ongoing support for 2021-22

ENGAGE AND LEARN FORUM AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Engage and Learn forum is open to all academics and professional services staff across the 3 faculties and is intended as an informal network to: encourage cross disciplinary working, share knowledge and experience, identify examples of good practice, grow your internal engagement network, promote opportunities for engagement and to foster a culture of continuous improvement.

An annual programme of training workshops is also available to all staff, aiming to offer introductory sessions that cover a range of public and community engagement activity.

Wednesday 29th September – Training Workshop Introduction to Public Engagement | Time: 13.30 – 16.30pm | Online

The importance of external engagement has never been higher. With researchers driven to demonstrate impact beyond the academic it is essential that engagement is planned effectively to achieve maximum and measurable Impact. Through this interactive workshop you will explore how to create the perfect public engagement tailored to your skills and subject. Discovering how to create a lasting impression by enthusing audiences, giving perfect presentations and working with communities.



Whether you are new to engagement or looking to get new perspectives on what you can do to improve, this workshop is packed with tips, tricks and strategies for making the most of your engagement.

This session includes an optional one to one consultation with the trainer the following week. In these bookable 20 min slots you can discuss your specific topic to get tailored guidance.

This workshop is aimed at research staff and students, and professional services staff with an interest in public engagement.

[Staff Registration](#) | [PGR Registration](#)

**Thursday 30th September – Training Workshop
Evaluation of Engagement | Time: 9.30 – 12.30pm | Online**

Successful public engagement can benefit research, researchers and the public – but how do you go about demonstrating this change? This workshop will guide you through the best evaluation processes showing you When, Why and crucially How to use evaluation to give you reliable and clear data. Demonstrate success to funders; record Impact for REF; learn how to improve your processes and have a better understanding of the people you are connecting with.

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**Monday 4th October – Engage and Learn Forum
Institutional approaches and sharing best practice of engagement
11.00 – 12.30pm | Armstrong Reception Rooms**

Join us for the Engage and Learn Forum when we will share feedback on the Engage Watermark Evaluation and the action plan that has been developed to refine our institutional approach to effectively support public engagement.

We will also hear from our guest speaker Professor Ariel Armony Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh reflecting on their institutional approach.

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9th November – Training Workshop

Introduction to Community Engagement | 10.00 – 12.30pm | Online

This session provides an introduction and overview of what's involved when working in mutually beneficial research partnerships with communities. It sets out to help you decide if it's the favoured approach for you and your community partners.

At the end of the workshop participants will be able to: Consider your knowledge and understanding of community engagement and community engaged research, explore the continuum of collaborative research with communities, think about what helps to build strong community engagement and enhance your skills by experimenting with these ideas, reflect on how community engagement relates to your own work and roles.

This workshop is aimed at those working in universities who want to know about community engagement and are interested in the potential of applying a community engaged research approach.

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Monday 6th December – Engage and Learn Forum

Christmas Review | 11.00 – 12.30 | Room: TBC

The Engage and Learn Forum Christmas review will look back over the year and celebrate some fantastic engagement projects from the past 12 months.

We also want to share as many engagement projects as possible with staff to inspire and share best practice so please include info and /or links to your projects when you sign up and we'll share these on the day.

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We will be announcing more sessions in 2022 covering Schools Outreach, CPD and Lifelong Learning, Presenting and Performing Research, Co-production and more!

Additional support is also available through the following programmes:

The Policy Academy | The Enterprise Academy | Engage FMS

Find out more [here](#)



FUNDING

Engagement and Place Fund 2020/21

The Fund is intended to support the delivery of the University's Engagement and Place Strategy and will support staff to deliver successful projects which enable the benefits of our research and teaching to be shared outside the University.

This could include but is not limited to:

- Public engagement events
- Science communication
- Partnership events and workshops
- Coproduction
- Performance
- Exhibitions
- Schools outreach
- Collaborative projects
- Relationship building
- Videos

There are two tiers of Engagement and Place Funding available they are:

Tier One Funding

- Applicants can apply for up to £500
- This tier is aimed at colleagues that are starting their Engagement and Place journey with a partner or organisation and need a small amount of funding to progress their relationship

Tier Two Funding

- Applicants can apply for up to £2,500
- This fund is to support colleagues who wish to expand existing activity or develop small-scale pilots with a partner

Find out more and apply [here](#)



ENGAGEMENT AND PLACE AWARDS

Reward and recognition is a key way to demonstrate how much we value engagement across the institution. In May 2021 we launched our first Engagement and Place Awards and will be announcing details of the nomination process for 2022 in the New Year.

You can read about this year's nominated and winning projects and watch the awards ceremony [here](#)

To be the first to hear about the awards sign up to NU Engage.

NU ENGAGE

NU Engage is our monthly engagement newsletter sharing news, events, opportunities, resources and engagement stories. [Sign up to NU Engage](#) below to receive updates and if you have any items you would like to include in the newsletter please contact bob.allan@ncl.ac.uk

Join our [MS Teams Community](#) here share knowledge, ideas, best practice and opportunities.

If you have any engagement stories you would like to share please contact holly-ann.carl@ncl.ac.uk

Engagement and Place Team

The Engagement and Place Team is part of Corporate Services and Infrastructure, and works to coordinate engagement across the University. We work closely with colleagues across the three faculties and professional services and with the eight cross cutting Deans.

Our role is both internal facing, working to embed engagement at Newcastle University through training, resources and sharing best practice and externally facing managing strategic relationships with partners regionally and nationally.

If you are delivering an engagement project or would like to find out more about the services we offer please get in touch via engage@ncl.ac.uk

<https://newcastle.sharepoint.com/hub/engagement>