

# Public engagement and culture change Lessons from the UK

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## The culture change voyage

## The culture change crew





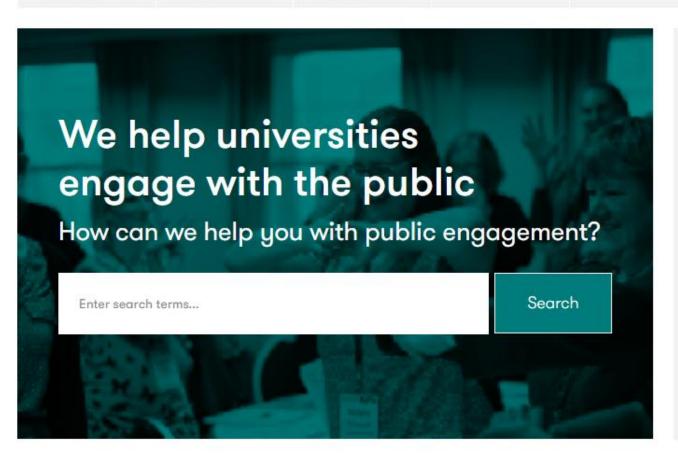
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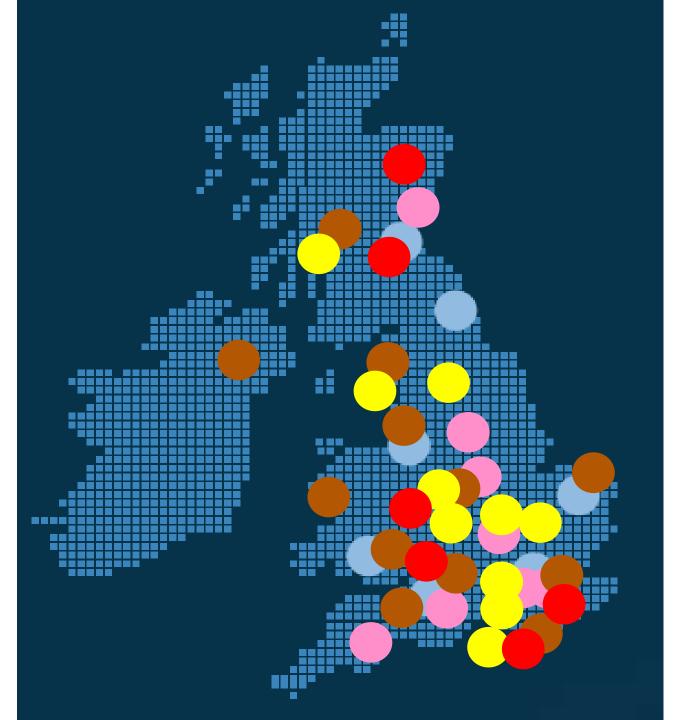
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"NCCPE are the people who really understand engagement. They offer structured, productive tools that really make a difference."



David Sweeney Research England



### Culture change in action

**Beacons for Public Engagement** 



School-University Partnership projects

Catalyst Seed Funds

**SEE-PER projects** 

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Teaching Excellence Framework



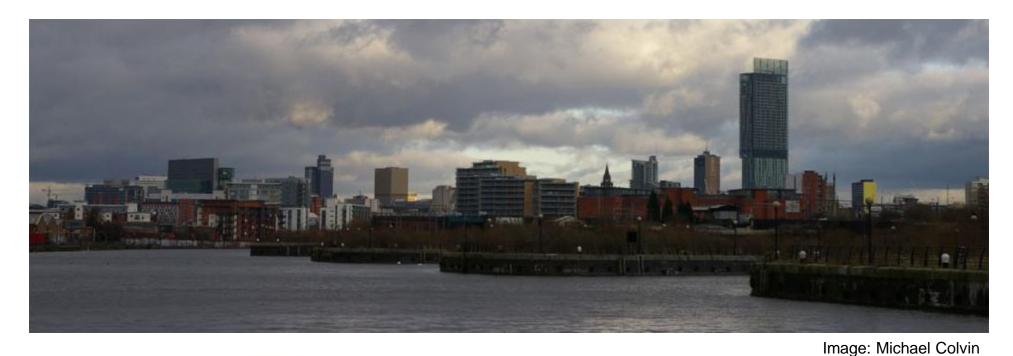


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### Manchester Beacon connecting people, place & knowledge

















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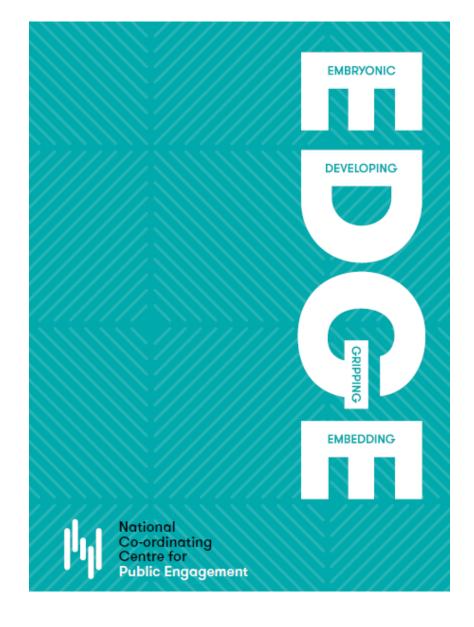


### The importance of public engagement

"It's difficult to say because it almost comes into a different category because it is not part of my job description or one of the measures against which I think I will ever be measured...it's more like deciding do I want to go for a run today? It's something I enjoy and it's important but I don't really see it as a part of my paid job" (Senior Researcher)

A qualitative baseline report on the perceptions of public engagement in University of East Anglia academic staff





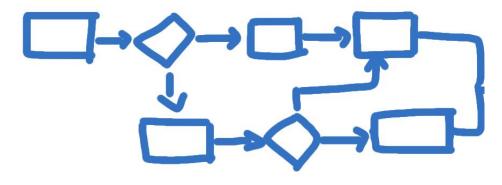
### **Purpose**

Mission Leadership Communication Embedding a commitment to public engagement in institutional mission and strategy, and championing that commitment at all levels



### **Process**

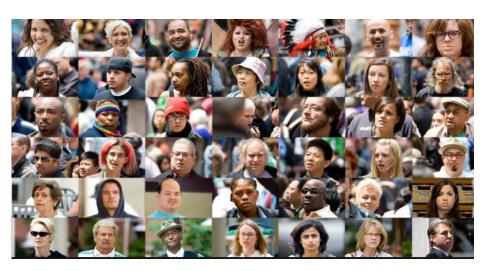
Support Learning Recognition Investing in systems and processes that facilitate involvement, maximise impact and help to ensure quality and value for money



### People

Staff
Students
Publics

Involving staff, students and representatives of the public and using their energy, expertise and feedback to shape the strategy and its delivery

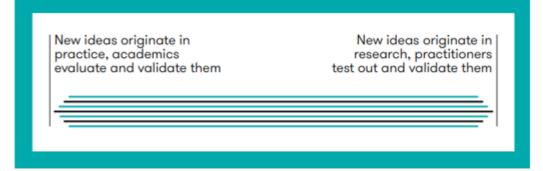


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	FOCUS	EMBRYONIC	DEVELOPING	GRIPPING	EMBEDDING	
PURPOSE	Mission	engagement in the organisational mission or in other institution-wide strategies.	PE is referenced sporadically within the institutional mission documents and strategies, but is not considered a priority area.	PE is clearly referenced within the institutional mission and strategies and the institution is developing an institution-wide strategic approach.	PE is prioritised in the institution's official mission and in other key strategies, with success indicators identified. It is a key consideration in strategic developments in the institution.	
	Leadership	Few (if any) of the most influential leaders in the institution serve as champions for public engagement.	Some of the institution's senior team act as informal champions for public engagement.	Some of the institution's senior team act as formal champions for public engagement.	The VC acts as a champion for PE and a senior leader takes formal responsibility. All senior leaders have an understanding of the importance and value of public engagement to the institution's agenda.	
	Commun- ication	The institution's commitment to public engagement is rarely if ever featured in internal or external communications.	Public engagement occasionally features in internal and external communications.	Public engagement frequently features in internal communications, but rarely as a high-profile item or with an emphasis on its strategic importance.	PE appears prominently in the institution's internal communications; its strategic importance is highlighted, and resources and strategic support have been allocated to sustain this.	
PROCESS	Support	There is no attempt to co-ordinate public engagement activity or to network learning and expertise across the institution.	There are some informal attempts being made to co-ordinate PE activities, but there is no strategic plan for this work. Some self-forming networks exist, not supported by the institution.	Oversight and co-ordination of PE has been formally allocated (e.g. to a working group or committee) but there is minimal support and resource to invest in activity.	The institution has a strategic plan to focus its co- ordination, a body/ies with formal responsibility for oversight of this plan, and resources available to assist the embedding of PE. There are a number of recognised and supported networks.	
	Learning	There is little or no opportunity for staff or students to access professional development to develop their skills & knowledge of PE.	There are some opportunities for staff or students to access professional development and training in PE, but no formal or systematic support.	There are some formal opportunities for staff or students to access professional development and training in PE.	Staff and students are encouraged and supported in accessing professional development, training and informal learning to develop their skills and knowledge of engagement.	
	Recognition	Staff are not formally rewarded or recognised for their PE activities.	Some departments recognise and reward PE activity on an ad hoc basis.	The university is working towards an institution-wide policy for recognising and rewarding PE activity.	The university has reviewed its processes, and developed a policy to ensure PE is rewarded & recognised in formal and informal ways.	
PEOPLE	Staff	Few if any opportunities exist for staff to get involved in public engagement, either informally or as part of their formal duties.	There are opportunities for staff in a handful of faculties or departments to get involved in PE, either informally or as part of their formal duties.	There are structured opportunities for many staff members to get involved in PE; but not in all faculties or departments. There is a drive to expand opportunities to all.	All staff have the opportunity to get involved in public engagement, either informally or as part of their formal duties, and are encouraged and supported to do so.	
	Students	Few opportunities exist for students to get involved in PE, either informally, through volunteering programmes, or as part of the formal curriculum.	There are opportunities for students to get involved, but there is no coordinated approach to promoting and supporting these opportunities across the institution.	Many (but not all) students have the opportunity to get involved in PE and are encouraged and supported to do so. There is a drive to expand opportunities to all.	All students have the opportunity to get involved in PE, and are encouraged and supported to do so. The institution offers both formal and informal ways to recognize and reward their involvement.	
	Public	Little or no attempt has been made to assess community need, or to support 'non-traditional' groups in engaging with the institution.	Some attempt has been made to analyse community need and interest; and to begin to tackle access issues to open up the institution and its activities to the public.	The institution has committed resources to assessing community need and interests, and to using this insight and feedback to inform its strategy and plans.	The institution has assessed need & committed resources to supporting a wide range of groups to access its facilities and activities, and to systematically seek their feedback and involvement.	



THE EDGE TOOL				
Institutional support and resourcing				
Need for clear mechanisms for research institutes				
to collaborate in formation of policy				
Language, messaging, communication				
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acknowledgement				
Learning from others				











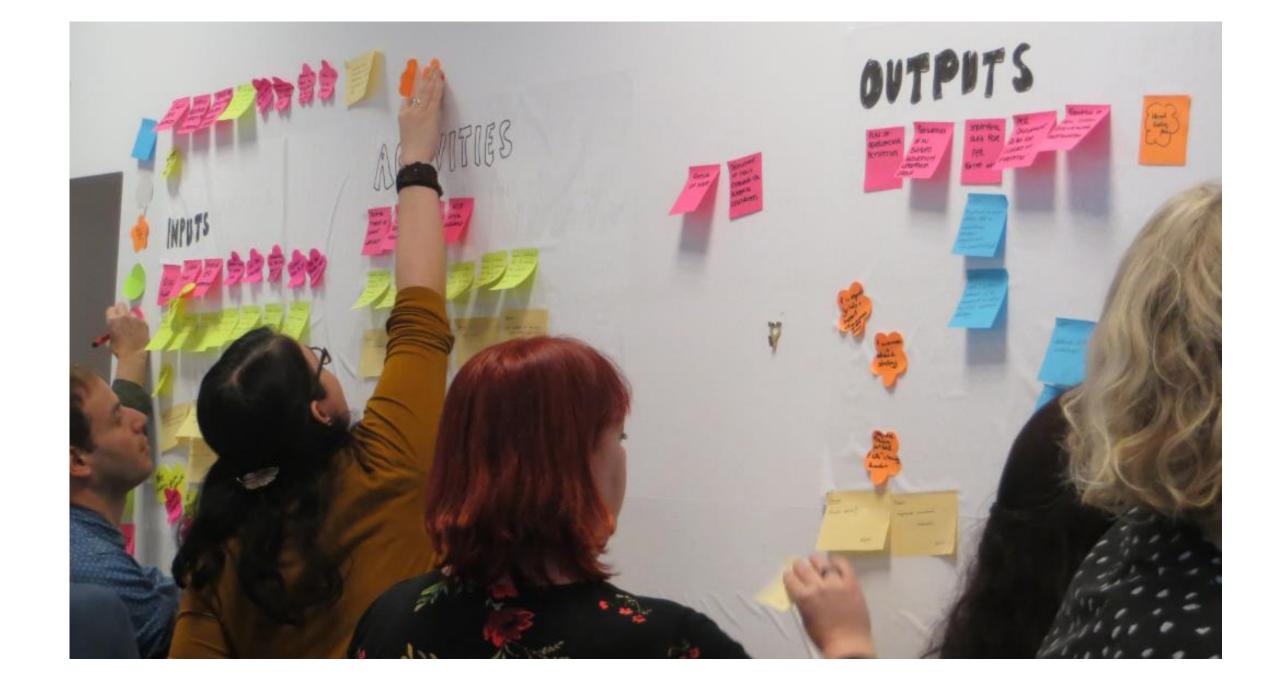


# Pathways to culture change

Lessons from the Catalyst Seed Fund programme Interim report: May 2017









### Pathways to culture change



### PLOT, HOLD AND REVIEW YOUR COURSE

- Secure high level commitment and alignment
- Review and take stock; consolidate existing activity
- Develop your rationale, narrative and strategy; consider sustainability
- Identify and address quick wins and tractable challenges
- Identify success measures and monitor
- Put in place steps to sustain momentum beyond project
- Work responsively; build allies and networks
- Recruit a skilled team, with expertise in facilitating change



## The culture change crew



### Who are we?

Research managers

Researcher developers

Public engagement specialists

**Impact specialists** 

**Knowledge transfer professionals** 

Strategy officer

**Engaged** researchers

Research support officer

**Alumni relations** 

Marketing and communications

Development managers

**Public relations** 

**Project managers** 

**Public affairs** 

Recruitment managers

**Events managers** 

**Fundraisers** 

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Scholarly communications



What professional instincts guide us?



What impact do we try to create?



What methods do we rely on?



What are our skills?



Who do we engage with?



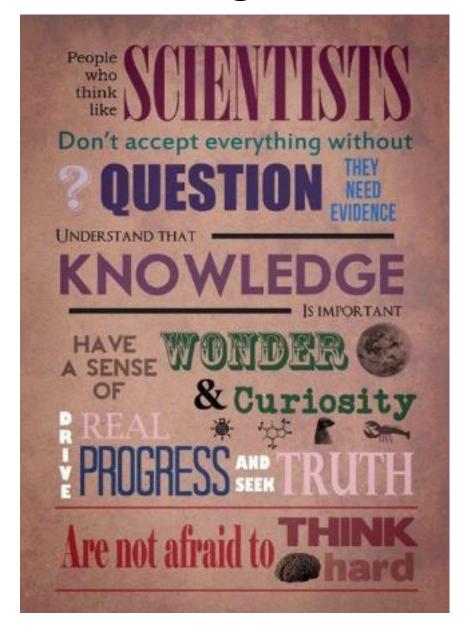
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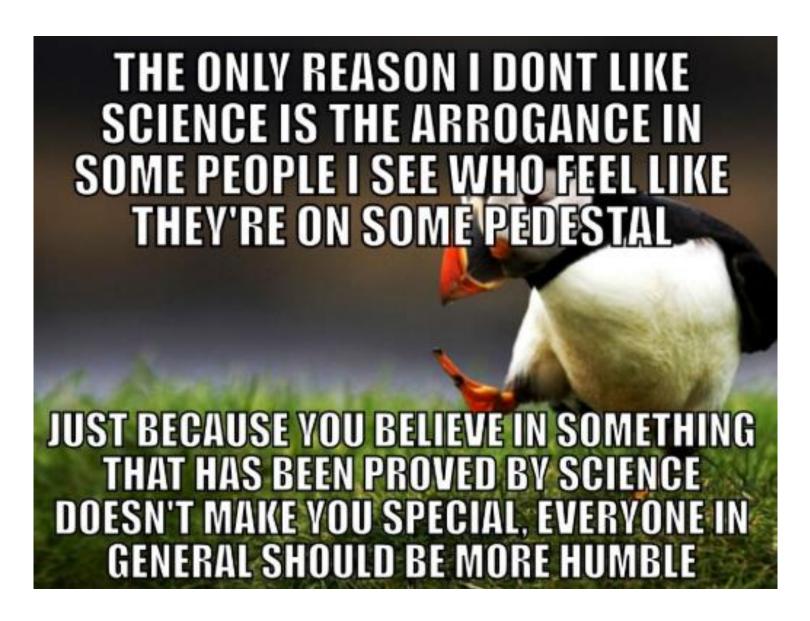
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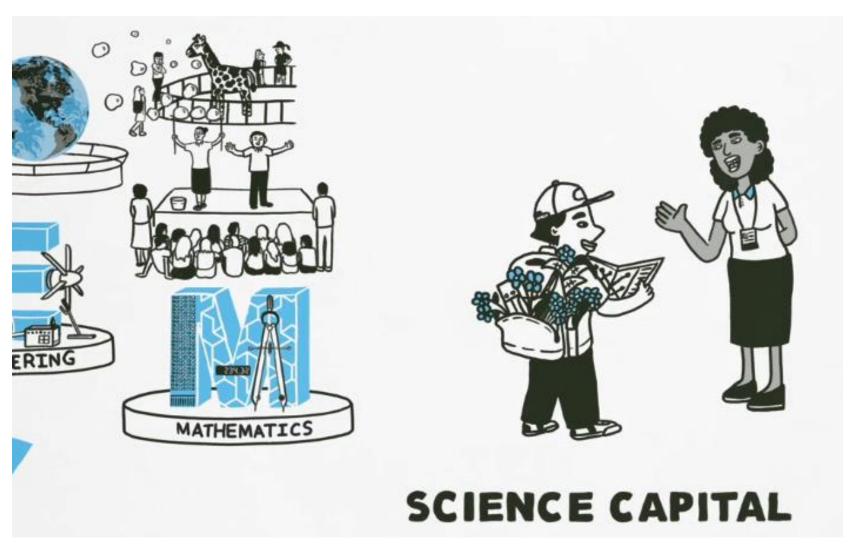


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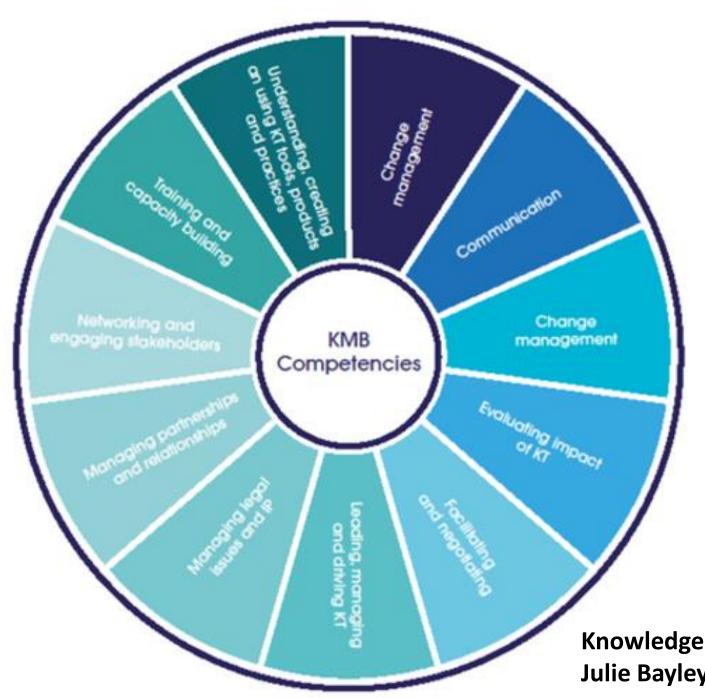


### What professional instincts guide us?





**Introduction to Science Capital video:** <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mziJEbb6ETs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mziJEbb6ETs</a>



### What are our skills?

- 1. Change management
- 2. Communication
- 3. Creating, sourcing and synthesising (research)
- 4. Evaluating impact of KT
- 5. Facilitating and negotiating
- 6. Leading, managing and driving KT
- 7. Managing legal issues and IP
- 8. Managing partnerships / relationships
- 9. Networking and engaging stakeholders
- 10. Training and capacity building
- 11. Understanding, creating and using KT tools, products and practices

**Knowledge broker competencies, Julie Bayley and David Phipps** 

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## What attributes do we value?

### **Communication**

- Adapts their communication for different audiences
- Has a robust knowledge of the topic in question
- Listens and responds carefully and values other people's contributions
- Builds on their audience's knowledge & understanding

### **Empathy**

- Is sensitive to issues of diversity and inclusion
- Respects differences in understanding and attitudes
- Is sensitive to social and ethical issues
- Builds and sustains effective partnerships

### Reflection

- Welcomes feedback
- Reflects on their own practice
- Conducts formative and summative evaluation
- Can recognise when to seek advice or support

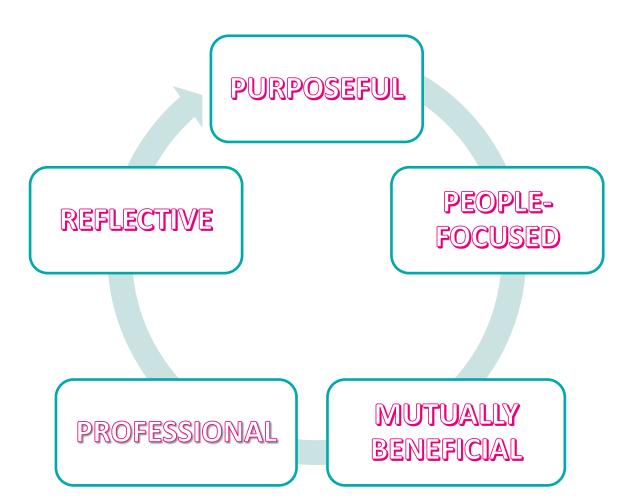




### **Good practice principles**



- Principle 1: PURPOSEFUL
- I will put purpose at the heart of my engagement
- Principle 2: PEOPLE-FOCUSED
- I will strive to ensure my engagement is appropriate to the participants and framed around their needs
- Principle 3: MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
- I will commit to establishing a way of working that is mutually beneficial for myself and my partners
- Principle 4: PROFESSIONAL
- I will value engagement as a professional endeavour and plan my projects appropriately
- Principle 5: REFLECTIVE
- I will build reflection and improvement into the engagement work I am part of





### Common Cause Research

**Building Research Collaborations** between Universities and Black and Minority Ethnic communities



Fair and mutual research partnerships:

10 principles for community-university partnerships



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### A commitment to strengthening the partnering community organisation

Any partnership between a university and a community/cultural

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organisation or group should be premised on leaving that organisation stronger than before the participation. This might take the form, amongst others, of building capacity and knowledge within the organisation, the development of new products and services, the opportunity to take a strategic look at the work of the organisation, the building of new networks. Importantly, the partner organisation needs to know that the collaboration will not leave them financially or organisationally weaker than when they began the project.

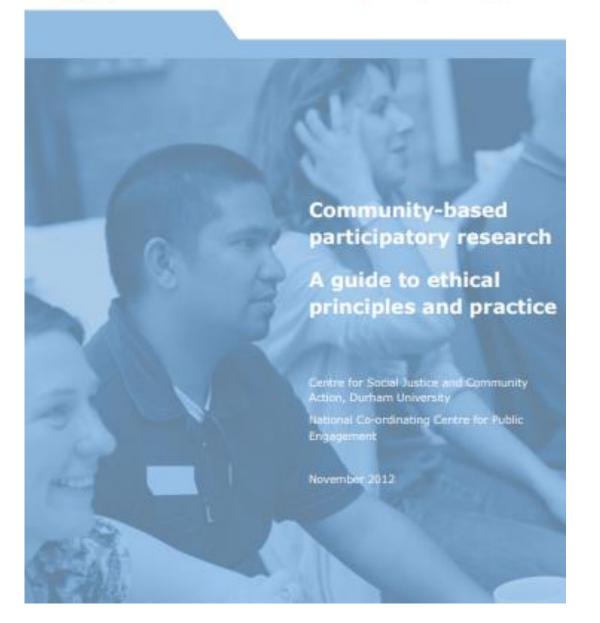
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### I. Ethical Principles

This section outlines some general ethical principles to bear in mind for those who are conducting or supporting community-based participatory research. The principles are at a relatively general level, with the bullet points offering brief illustrations of what each principle might include. The bullet points are not meant to be an exhaustive list. More detailed practical principles and guidance are offered in Section II.

- Mutual respect: developing research relationships based on mutual respect, including a commitment to:
- agreeing what counts as mutual respect in particular contexts
- everyone involved being prepared to listen to the voices of others
- · accepting that there are diverse perspectives
- Equality and inclusion: encouraging and enabling people from a range of backgrounds and identities (e.g. ethnicity, faith, class, education, gender, sexual orientation, (disjability, age) to lead, design and take part in the research, including a commitment to:
- seeking actively to include people whose voices are often ignored
- challenging discriminatory and oppressive attitudes and behaviours
- ensuring information, venues and formats for meetings are accessible to all
- Democratic participation: encouraging and enabling all participants to contribute meaningfully to decision-making and other aspects of the research process according to skill, interest and collective need, including a commitment to:
- acknowledging and discussing differences in the status and power of research participants, and working towards sharing power more equally
- communicating clearly using language everyone can understand
- using participatory research methods that build on, share and develop different skills and expertise
- Active learning: viewing research collaboration and the process of research as an opportunity to learn from each other, including a commitment to:
- ensuring there is time to identify and reflect on learning during the research, and the on ways people learn, both together and individually
- offering all participants the chance to learn from each other and share their learning with wider audiences

- sharing responsibility for interpreting the research findings and their implications for practice
- Making a difference: promoting research that creates positive changes for communities of place, interest or identity, including:
- engaging in debates about what counts as 'positive' change, including broader environmental sustainability as well as human needs or spiritual development, and being open to the possibility of not knowing in advance what making a 'positive difference' might mean
- valuing the learning and other benefits for individuals and groups from the research process as well as the outputs and outcomes of the research
- building the goal of positive change into every stage of the research
- Collective action: individuals and groups working together to achieve change, including a commitment to:
- identifying common and complementary goals that meet partners' differing needs for the research
- working for agreed visions of how to share knowledge and power more equitably and promote social change and social justice
- recognising and working with conflicting rights and interests expressed by different sections of communities or by different communities
- Personal integrity: participants behaving reliably, honestly and in a trustworthy fashion, including a commitment to:
  - working within the principles of communitybased participatory research
  - ensuring accurate and honest analysis and reporting of research
  - being open to challenge and change and prepared to work with conflict



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## What impact do we try to create?



## Research Excellence Framework

### **Understanding**









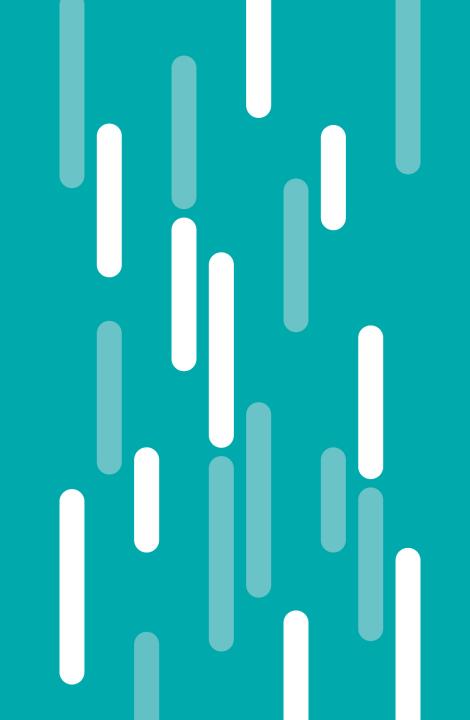
Stimulating curiosity, understanding and empathy

Building capacity and strengthening networks

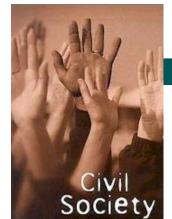
Improving decision making and the way things work



# Who do we engage with?







## CIVIL SOCIETY & THIRD SECTOR Charities & associations; societies and clubs





### **POLICY**

Policy makers, regulators, civil servants

### **PUBLIC SECTOR**

Professionals and practitioners

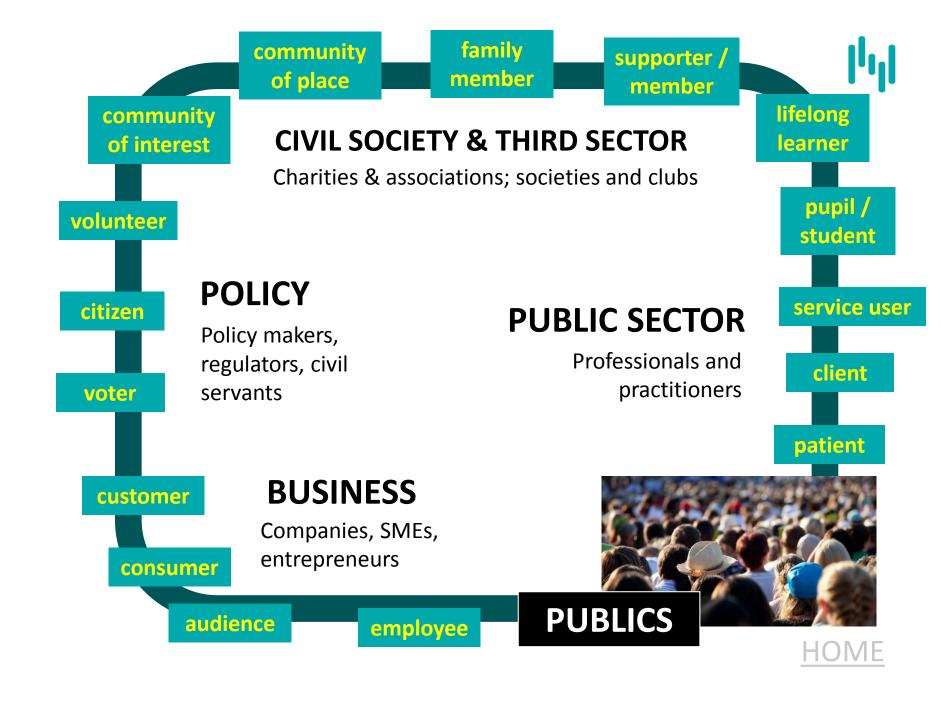


### **BUSINESS**

Companies, SMEs, entrepreneurs







### What methods do we rely on?



### **INSPIRING**

Inspiring, involving and informing the public about research

### **CONSULTING**

Actively listening to the public's views, concerns and insights

Working in partnership to solve problems, drawing on each other's expertise

**COLLABORATING** 

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**Community** development

Science communication

**Lifelong learning** 



Responsible Research & innovation

International development

Dialogue and deliberation

**Evidence based policy** 



Participatory action research

**Arts based practices** 

**User-centred design** 

**Knowledge** mobilisation

Business engagement

Patient and Public Involvement

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### What core, strategic functions do we all contribute to?



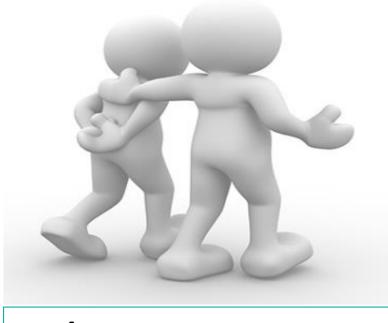
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**Social intelligence** 



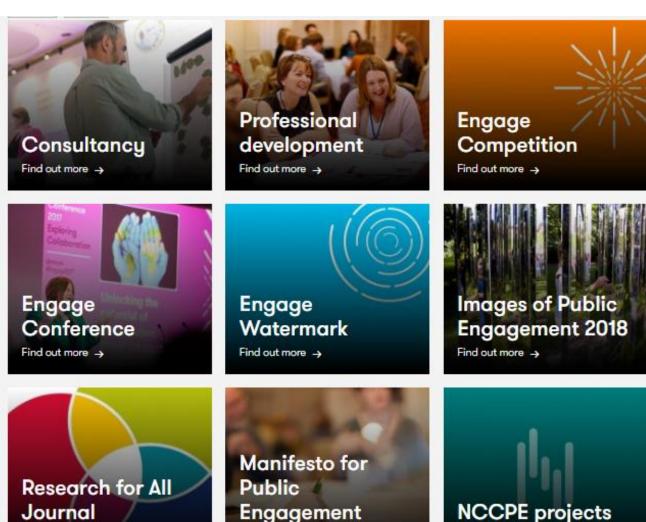
Service design



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