Enhancing place-based partnerships in public engagement

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EPPE is a competitive fund for research organisations to co-develop societally relevant approaches to public engagement with research and innovation.

The specific objectives of EPPE are:

- **Initiate or enhance partnerships between research and community partner(s) / organisation(s)** in areas of the UK experiencing significant disadvantage, defined according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, where there is an opportunity to engage with research and innovation;

- **Align with the objectives of other place-based funding and policy work** in recognising the role of 'place' in research and innovation;

- **Demonstrate collaborative engagement with research and innovation** through research organisations, communities and partner organisations, investing in new or tried-and-tested co-production methodologies;

- **Learn from these approaches and utilise that learning** to build collaborative capacity that supports productive interactions between research organisations and communities.
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Scope – example of activities, as set out in call guidance

Pathfinder projects will plan, develop and test new ways of working, in partnership with communities in areas of the UK experiencing significant disadvantage in its different forms.

Create the conditions for long-term, embedded community and public engagement.

Articulate the aims and expectations of the challenges that the project seeks to address (see Annex B), e.g.:

- Invest in consultation and co-creation with community partners and organisations
- Intelligence and data gathering to inform future activity
- Innovate to overcome current barriers or untapped potential
- Build capacity through training and up-skilling
- Identify realistic and credible goals toward longevity
- Delivery mechanisms e.g. broker, match-make, incubate, seed fund, commission
- Principles and values to ensure accountability and equity
- Create a learning strategy
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Eligibility criteria

• All UK research organisations eligible to receive funding from UKRI.

• Bids should be led by a research organisation but must include at least one collaborative community partner / organisation.

• Projects will be six months in duration, with UKRI funding available between December 2019 and March 2020 (four months), and the remaining two month project period supported by bidder co-investment until 31 May 2020 (two months).

• Define the place and the geography involved in the bid by referencing the IMD where appropriate.

• Consider the legacy and sustainability beyond the funding period including financial resourcing, future collaborative engagement agenda, the environment of the research organisation, partner organisation and community.

• Participation in the support programme (February, April 2020)
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Come to our stakeholder event

Why: Opportunity to join UKRI, NCCPE, research organisations, community organisations and other wider stakeholders to discuss, debate, share and mobilise around good practice.

When: Thursday 26 September, 10.30 – 3.30

Where: Central Birmingham, at The Bond

Register your interest: LINK
Q & A

• Please use the comment function to pose questions.
• We will provide written answers to any relevant questions that we don’t answer via this webinar.
• A webinar recording, these slides and the additional question answers will be available afterwards on the UKRI website.


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