**Engage Academy 2026 Application Form**

As the webform cannot be saved and returned to at a later date and cannot be retrieved in the event of an internet connection error or timeout, you can use this word version of the questions to draft your responses and transfer them into the form when you are ready.

**Your details**

First name:

Last name:

Personal pronouns (optional):

Job title:

Organisation:

Email address:

**Biography**

Please note: if successful, we would like to share your biography with the Academy cohort.

Please enter your biography:

Are you happy for your biography to be shared with other participants in the Academy?

Yes

No

Describe your current role:

Do you consider yourself as someone with a ‘hybrid’ role, e.g. ‘engagement and impact’?

Yes

No

How many years’ experience do you have as a public engagement professional?

**Questions to shape the programme**

What are the main challenges that you face in your current role?

What are you hoping to get out of participating in the Engage Academy?

How do you hope that other people in your organisation might benefit from your involvement in the Engage Academy?

Which areas interest you the most? Please select two:

The practicalities of engagement

Project management skills (evaluation, budgeting, funding)

Ways to understand, communicate, and advocate for engagement

Developing and implementing strategy

Institutional change making

Other

Are you interested in joining a peer learning group, which will meet three times during the programme?

Yes

No

If you are interested in being part of a peer learning group, please rate your preferences in order for the days/times that suit you best, using ‘1’ for your top preference and ‘6’ for your lowest preference (please do not duplicate your ratings).

Tues 9:00-12:00

Tues 13:00-16:00

Weds 9:00-12:00

Weds 13:00-16:00

Thurs 9:00-12:00

Thurs 13:00-16:00

We plan to group people together in peer learning groups based on their level of experience.

Please choose from the options below.

Early career (0-4 years in public engagement or similar role)

Mid-career (5-9 years in public engagement or similar role)

Experienced (10 years+ in public engagement or similar role)

**Your Academy experience**

We would encourage you where possible to attend the two in-person workshops in Bristol.

In-person events:

• All areas of the event are wheelchair accessible  
• There are accessible toilet facilities available close to the event space  
• Drop-off from a vehicle just outside the venue will be available  
• You are welcome to bring a personal assistant or service animal  
• Sessions will involve both plenary and small group discussions. Delegates will have the option to take some time for reflection instead of joining small group discussions

Online events:

• The online event will take place on Zoom  
• Presenters will be using a live camera and audio and will show slides  
• There will be live captioning available  
• Delegates will also be able to share their camera and audio if invited to do so  
• Some of the interactions will take place using a chat function, where people can type their responses. The Chair of the event will summarise the main chat points verbally throughout.  
• You are welcome to bring a personal assistant  
• Conference sessions will take place both in plenary and in small group discussions. Delegates will have the option to take some time for reflection instead of joining small group discussions

Do you have specific requirements (including those listed in the paragraph above) that will enable you to attend the **online events**?

Yes

No

**If YES:**

**Online requirements**

A high colour contrast version of slides

I will be bringing a personal assistant (welcome to attend for free)

Other (please specify)

Do you have specific requirements (including those listed in the paragraph above) that will enable you to attend the **in-person** events?

Yes

No

**If YES:**

**In-person requirements**

Hearing loop

Large-print handouts (please specify size below)

High colour contrast handouts

BSL interpreter

Parking space (access reasons only)

I will be bringing a service animal

I will be bringing a personal assistant (welcome to attend for free)

Other (please specify)

Is there anything else we should know to enable you to attend these events?

**Eligibility**

In order to attend, participants must have the support of their Head of Service/departmental or institutional lead.

I confirm that I have the support of my Head of Service/departmental or institutional lead to attend the Engage Academy

I do not have the support of my Head of Service/departmental or institutional lead to attend the Engage Academy

**Assistance with course costs**

The NCCPE has five bursary places available for £775 for the Engage Academy 2026. These are for Public Engagement Professionals who have limited access to professional development funding and may otherwise be unable to attend the Academy. We will be in touch following the application process to let you know if you were successful in being awarded a bursary. Please select the option below if you would like to be considered for the following:

A bursary for a discount of the Regular Academy fee

Please provide us with brief details of why you are applying for a bursary. Is there a specific change in practice/personal development aim you’d like to achieve and how will the programme help you?

If seeking a bursary, what approaches you have taken to gain support from your institution to attend the programme?

How did you hear about the Engage Academy?

**Payment**

Payment of the Engage Academy fee is due after you are notified if your application to the Academy is successful. Payment of the fee can be made online using a credit/debit card via a link to our secure OnlineStore. This link will be sent to you by email at the same time as, or shortly after, the confirmation of your place. If you are not sure how your fee can be paid, please check with the person in your organisation responsible for making payments.

We prefer payment to be made online and can, if a credit limit is a barrier, separate the fee into two transactions. If paying online is not possible, your organisation can be invoiced for your fee.

**Payment Type**

I will be able to make a card payment via the secure OnlineStore

I will need to be sent an invoice.

**Invoicing (if relevant)**

Thank you for indicating you will need to pay the Engage Academy fee by invoice.

If your application to the Academy is successful, your organisation will be set up as a customer and then invoiced for the cost as confirmed to you. So that we can do this efficiently please provide the following invoicing details now. This includes indicating if a PO number will need to be provided before an invoice is issued. If a colleague will be arranging the payment for you, please provide their details below.

Colleague details:

**IMPORTANT**: Please ensure you are providing the details of the finance contact/department at your organisation as opposed to your own details, unless you are responsible for payment.

My organisation requires a PO number to be included on any invoice

Yes

No

Billing Contact Name

Billing Organisation

Billing Address

Address

Address 2

City/Town

Post Code / ZIP Code

Billing Phone

Billing Email

*Where possible, for the billing details, please provide a generic finance contact as opposed to an individual's email address.*

**Terms and Conditions**

By submitting this application form you will be agreeing to our Terms and Conditions relating to the Engage Academy.

Please ensure you have read and understood these Terms and Conditions, which can be found here: [Engage Academy 2026: Terms and Conditions | NCCPE](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/engage-academy-2026-terms-and-conditions)

(Please note that these terms and conditions will open in the same window but you will be able to click 'back' in your browser to return and complete the form. If you would like them to open in a separate window, please right click on the link and 'Open in New Tab')

I understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Booking

Thank you for your application.

To submit, please click on the button below. If your application is successful, you will be sent an email confirming your place and the fee and links to pay the fees of £1350 (or £775 if a bursary application is successful)**at the end of November 2025**.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jackie Winchester, Senior NCCPE Project Officer, at [engage.academy@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:engage.academy@uwe.ac.uk)

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