

Engagement and Impact Train the Trainer

About the course

This half-day workshop helps institutions build internal capability to support researchers in planning, developing and articulating engagement and impact for REF 2029.

Up to 7 colleagues from one institution can participate together, building a shared approach to supporting engagement and impact narrative development. If you support researchers to develop engagement and impact narratives and want greater confidence in facilitating conversations about contribution, change and evidence, this workshop is for you.

“How can we help researchers explain change clearly, credibly and with confidence?”

Using the Engagement & Impact Toolkit, you'll work through a series of structured prompts and exercises that help you to:

- Explore how research contribution, engagement, change and evidence fit together
- Understand how credibility, logic and evidence shape impact narratives
- Reflect on how NCCPE's engagement and impact framework can support researchers in your institution
- Consider how the approach can be adapted to different institutional contexts

What the course covers

- Understanding research contribution
- Exploring the settings and systems in which research creates change
- Engagement as a mechanism for change across the research cycle
- Considering risks and responsibilities in engagement and impact practice
- Strengthening the credibility and logic of impact narratives
- Identifying and using appropriate evidence to support impact claims
- Supporting researchers to develop stronger engagement and impact narratives
- Adapting the framework to different institutional contexts

Who should attend

- Impact professionals
- Public engagement professionals
- Research development staff
- Knowledge exchange professionals
- REF managers and coordinators

How it works

Up to 7 people from your institution can attend this workshop alongside a maximum of 5 other institutions. You are encouraged to bring examples from your own institutional context and consider how the framework can be applied to support researchers preparing engagement and impact case studies.

By the end of the 3 hour online workshop, you will leave with:

- A deeper understanding of the framework underpinning engagement and impact narrative development
- Practical approaches for supporting researchers to develop stronger impact stories
- Greater confidence in discussing credibility, evidence and assessment judgements
- Practical next steps for strengthening engagement and impact support within your institution
- A Trainer Toolkit including presentation slides, workbook and supporting guidance

Course Dates

Thursday 19 November
2026 12.30-3.30

Thursday 11 February
2027 13.30-4.30

Wednesday 5 May 2027
9.30-13.30