

# 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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