

PPI NETWORK NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! What better way to start off 2024 than with our new quarterly newsletter!

With this, we are hoping to keep you up to date with all things Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) here at Centre for Health Services Studies (CHSS) at the University of Kent. We hope you enjoy and wish you all the best for 2024!

PPI team 😊


As part of our first newsletter, we would love to introduce you to our new director, **Professor Lisa Dikomitis**, who joined us in September 2023.

Lisa is a Belgian-Cypriot anthropologist. Her work is characterised by generating bridges between radically different academic disciplines, in creativity with the arts and genuine community engagement that fosters equity, diversity, and inclusion. She has over 80 peer-reviewed publications. Lisa is strongly committed to communicating science publicly and has curated several exhibitions and podcasts, and regularly writes for non-academic audiences.



PPI is very important for Lisa which is also shown by her impressive track record of public engagement events and publications which can be seen on her staff page ([click here](#)). She was also awarded the Keele University Excellence Award for Public Engagement in June 2019.

We are excited to see how PPI develops at CHSS as a result of Lisa's important and valuable input. Welcome, Lisa!



*What are
researchers
in CHSS
working on?*

Current Research

Engaging underserved communities in Kent

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Randomised Control Trial of a trauma-informed intervention within Bridgend Youth Children Services

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Mental health research in the Punjab: Combining anthropology and psychiatry

[Read More here](#)

Do you know anyone who would like to be involved in the network? If so, please get in contact as we would love to expand our community!

Upcoming Opportunities

Creative Methods Training


25th January 10-11am via Zoom

During this one-hour session, researchers in CHSS will introduce you to a variety of arts-based and innovative research methods, which can be used for collecting, analysing and reporting on data, and will provide real-life examples of studies that have been conducted.

CHSS Lunchtime Research Seminar

14th February 1-2pm via Teams or in-person

This month, researchers in CHSS will be discussing how to set up and manage lived experience groups.



*Would you
like to take
part?*