

Research Involvement Newsletter

CHSS
University of Kent

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Welcome to our winter PPI newsletter!

The months fly by and here we are - almost into 2025!

In a busy and exciting year, we were pleased to welcome several new members to our Research Involvement Community. We are very excited about our new CHSS PPI Strategy which we have been co-creating over the past months with some of our PPI members. More news about this coming soon!

In recent weeks some of you got involved with new research and/or attended research events. Details of new research and training opportunities are on p2!

We wish you and yours the best for the coming Season and we look forward to working with you in 2025.

Amanda, Helen and Ellie



Research Involvement Group Update

We have been able to share several involvement opportunities with you in the past months. It is great to see our RIG membership increasing and members coming forward to be part of research.

If you know somebody who might be interested in getting involved in our online RIG community, please share our online Expression of Interest form with them:

[Research Involvement Group \(RIG\) Expression of Interest Form - Google Forms](#)



Getting Involved in research – online content

[Video: Get Involved with health and care research](#)

Public Involvement and Engagement Lead Amanda Bates introduces the University of Kent's Centre for Health Services Studies (CHSS) and talks about getting involved in our research as a public member.

[Video: Better Research Together – Sarah Lloyd](#)

Sarah Lloyd is an active member of CHSS Opening Doors to Research Group. Here she reflects and shares her passion and enthusiasm for being involved in research!



[Interview with Rick Pataky](#)

Rick is Public Involvement Lead for the [NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration Medway \(HDCRC\)](#) and a member of Opening Doors to Research group. Read about why he loves being part of research!



[Podcast: A conversation with Amanda Bates:](#)

Listen to this [Stupid Genius PhD Podcast episode](#) which delves into PPI (Amanda's section starts at 0800)

Training opportunity for our public members

Wed 29 January 10.30 – 11.30am online via Zoom

This Creative Methods session introduces arts-based and innovative research methods used to collect, analyse and report on data. £25 Amazon voucher offered for attending. **Places limited.**

To express interest email InvolveResearch@kent.ac.uk by 7 Jan 2025.



NEW! Research involvement opportunity

Help Make Dementia Care Fairer – Join Our Consultation!

Online consultation event on **15th January 2025, from 12 to 1.30pm**, how can we can make dementia diagnosis and care fairer for everyone?

For people living with dementia, unpaid carers, healthcare professionals, researchers, and anyone affected by dementia.

Participants receive a **£25 voucher** as a thank you for their time.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/fairerdc>

For more information or any questions, [visit CHSS newpage](#) or contact Dr Barbora Silarova b.silarova@kent.ac.uk

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