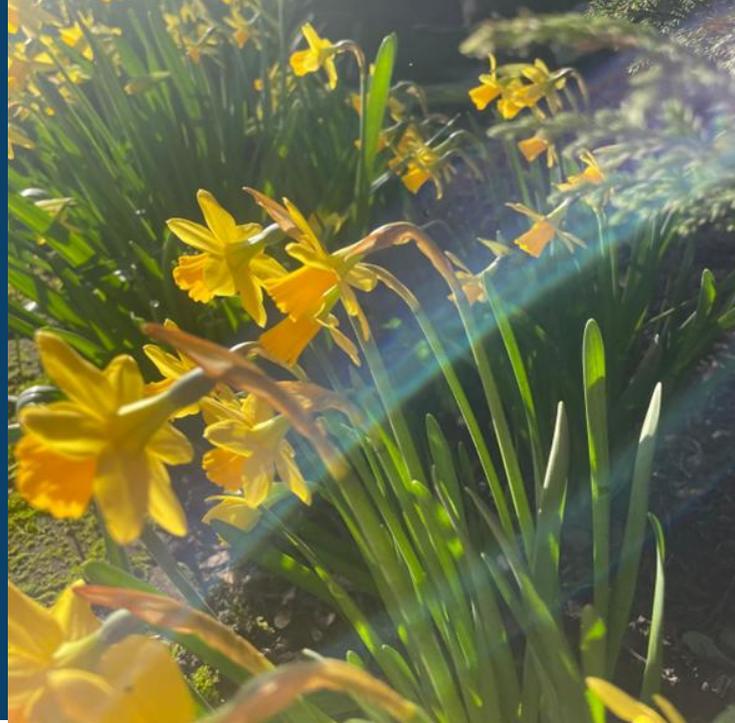


# Research Involvement Newsletter

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## Welcome to 2026

And to our first newsletter of the year! We are already approaching Spring – where does the time go?!

There is plenty going on at CHSS in terms of new research, as well as opportunities for you, our wonderful Research Involvement members, to get involved. Look out for new email requests from us for people to help with projects.

Membership of this group is growing, which is fantastic. We are reaching out to students and other groups with a view to recruiting still more of you!

Thank you all for your contribution to making research better together for everyone!

You can read about [CHSS research](#) on our project web pages.

**Amanda, Helen and Ellie**

## Student Friendly

CHSS and COREC\* PPI leads Amanda and Sarah (below) were out and about on campus recently promoting the benefits and value of getting involved in research.

They spent a morning in the Library chatting to and signing up several young people to our Involvement groups. (\*formerly PSSRU)

**Watch this space for more on this.**



# Training Opportunity

## Reviewing lay summaries as a public partner



### Thursday 21 May, 1– 2.30pm – online

Some CHSS Involvement Group Members attended this session in January and found it helpful. If you missed it, there is a repeat opportunity on **May 21**. We can provide a small number of people with a £25 Amazon voucher for attending this Training.

Email [InvolveResearch@kent.ac.uk](mailto:InvolveResearch@kent.ac.uk) to confirm you have registered.

*Please note that not everyone can receive a voucher due to limited availability.*

There are **Limited spaces** on the course – [register here](#)

## New PPI Framework – promoting good practice with external partners ✓

With input from CHSS PPI members and CHSS Senior Management Team we now have a **PPI Collaboration Framework** for our researchers to share with external partners wishing to work with CHSS PPI groups on new projects.

We hope this will encourage good practice in PPI across organisations we work with who wish to work with our wonderful PPI groups and lead to better communication, feedback, support and payment processes.

## Involvement Opportunities

We send by email, details of opportunities to get involved in research – both paid and unpaid – as they arise.

(NB: Please do not share these with anyone outside Research Involvement Group)

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