



University of
Nottingham

Institute for Policy and Engagement

Public engagement summary report

July 2021 – July 2022



Reaching the community

We run a wide range of standalone events and programmes of activity throughout the year to suit a range of different public audiences.

Since July 2021:



7,341
people have attended
our events or events
we have supported



34,067
people have found
out more about our
research

Building networks

Our researchers have a wealth of experience, in various fields of expertise. We feel it is vital to connect peers together, allowing them to learn from each other, and share ideas and best practice. We also help them meet professionals from different fields, so they can learn from other sectors. We have collaborated with a large range of external organisations to put our research at the heart of the community.



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Green
Hustle.



ignite!



Nottingham
City Council

Carbon Reduction,
Energy and
Sustainability



Nottingham Trent
University

Supporting researchers

We support researchers from across the institution to gain confidence and skills with public engagement activity. We do this through bespoke consultation, group training sessions and online training resources. We also administer the allocation of internal funding streams to enable researchers to try new approaches.



559
researchers have
attended our training
sessions



£142,987
of funding allocated
to 14 projects through
competitive calls

Reaching the community



• Festival of Social Science

We supported the Faculty of Social Sciences to share their research with public audiences as part of this national festival. 12 events were held in November 2021, reaching 726 people.



• Being Human

We support the promotion of the annual humanities festival. In November 2021, events reached 70 members of the public.



• Science in the Park

We worked with academic colleagues at the University and Nottingham Trent University for this one day festival at Wollaton Hall. 25 exhibitors, drawn from both universities and our city partners, showcased their STEM research to a family audience of 856 people.



• Science public lecture series

We support colleagues in the School of Pharmacy to deliver monthly science lectures to a public audience. These lectures have reached 206 members of the public since they returned to in person events from April 2022.



• COP26 Campaign

In response to the COP26 climate conference held in Glasgow we organised a programme of activities. We worked with the Green Light collective to open a pop-up exhibition space in the city centre, reaching over 900 members of the public.



• Podcast series

Our “Knowledge, Exchanged” podcast connects researchers to public listeners and offers an informal platform to talk about the research they’ve undertaken. Since July 2021, we have broadcast 25 episodes with a total of 726 listens (correct September 2022).



• Listen by the Lake

We launched our four listening posts, positioned on University Park, to help researchers connect to the public while out enjoying the park. In the first year, tracks have been accessed over 26,000 times.



• FOSAC

We work with our partners to support the annual Festival of Science and Curiosity, a week-long festival of events, bringing Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to the Nottingham public. In 2022, the festival comprised 74 events which reached 5483 people.



Building networks



- **Green light in the city**
As part of COP26, in November 2021 we opened the doors to the collective's first pop up space in Nottingham city centre, aiming to encourage conversations around the climate emergency. Key partners including Nottingham City Council, Ignite!, NTU, ChalleNGe and Green Hustle. As a result of these networks, we have gone on to deliver sessions with Nottingham and Notts Refugee Centre and supported the Nottingham Youth Climate Assembly conference.



- **UNICEF child friendly Nottingham**
In May we held our first workshop, to identify how the University can support the City Council to become recognised as Child Friendly. Using ESRC IAA funds we are managing a scoping study, creating case studies and supporting a project on youth justice.



- **MS Teams public engagement network**
Our new MS Teams channel has connected 135 colleagues.



- **Public engagement newsletter**
Our termly newsletters reach 297 colleagues and 111 members of the public (correct in July 2022).



- **Refugee week 2022**
In June we created a social media campaign, in partnership with the Human Rights Law Centre, to champion policy and public engagement work happening in this arena.



- **Social media**
Our Twitter account primarily speaks to policy makers and professionals but also shares public engagement news and updates with 1657 followers (correct in July 2022). Our newly founded Instagram account promotes events and resources aimed at the public with 122 followers (correct in July 2022).

Supporting researchers



- **PE masterclasses**

116 colleagues from across the University engaged in our public engagement masterclass series. During these sessions, 15 colleagues delivered presentations to their peers on their public engagement work ranging from PPI to digital engagement and co-production of research.



- **Ad hoc training sessions**

We've delivered ad-hoc training on public engagement to over 400 researchers this year via workshops and conferences.



- **Virtual training sessions**

We've developed a suite of online public engagement training sessions, available on Moodle.



- **Nottingham Engaged**

43 colleagues attended our annual staff conference this year which offers training sessions and facilitates peer to peer learning. It recognises the fantastic work our researchers have done in the field via our awards.



- **Funding allocations**

We managed the university's allocation of Research England Participatory Research funding. Nine projects were selected, following a competitive call, enabling work that included raising awareness and understanding of Tourette Syndrome and supporting female grassroots leaders in Uganda.

