Funding and Training Opportunities

North East London Research Engagement Network (REN) Research Champions Training Workshops
Further to the item in October's iteration of our Research Engagement newsletter, please see below further details of both upcoming Research Champions training sessions:

- **Friday 8th November, 10am-1:45pm in Stratford, E15**
- **Saturday 7th December, 10:30-2:15pm in Whitechapel/ Aldgate, E1**

Places for those who did not register at REN events will be offered on a waiting list basis. Please contact Neeta or James at patientsinresarch.bartshealth@nhs.net with the names and email addresses of any existing public contributors who may wish to attend the training. If there is adequate space at either session, we will contact them directly with registration details.

Centre for Public Engagement (CPE), Queen Mary University of London
Advice surgeries
The Centre for Public Engagement runs regular **Advice Surgeries**, where you can pick the team's brains about all things public engagement. The team are available to discuss potential ideas, assist with project development, look at logistics, signpost you to funding, and more, both within Queen Mary and the wider public engagement landscape.

Forthcoming dates:
- Thursday 7 November 11am-1pm
- Thursday 21 November 11am-1pm

If you would like to book an Advice Surgery, you can now do it **online**. If you have any questions regarding the sessions, feel free to email us at publicengagement@qmul.ac.uk

Applications to the small and large grant funding is now open!
The small grant is a monthly funding scheme (excluding December, June-August) that provides grants of up to £1,000 to enable Queen Mary staff and students the opportunity to deliver small-scale projects that engage the public with University research, teaching, or core business. Large Grants is an annual funding scheme that provides grants of up to £10,000 to enable Queen Mary staff and students the opportunity to undertake projects of a larger scope, scale, or legacy to engage the public with University research, teaching, or core business. Find out more information and how to apply for both funding schemes on the CPE website.

NIHR University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre (BRC)
There are a variety of online PPIE-related courses available with multiple dates, all of which can be accessed here. Please note, these courses are open to all staff working for UCLPartners members organisations. You can register to any of these courses by emailing ppihelpdesk@ucl.ac.uk with the following information:
- Name of workshop
- Date of workshop
- Your name
- Job title and organisation
- Your departmental budget code

Intro to PPI: what can PPI do for you?

This session is for anyone new to PPI. Learn what patient and public involvement is all about, and how it can help your research. Pick up some of the basics of incorporating patient involvement into your work.
When? Thursday 31 October 2024, 10am to 12.30pm

How to fill in the PPI section of a grant form and write a lay summary

This session is for anyone struggling to work PPI into their funding applications. Learn what funders are looking for, and at what stage of applying for funding you should be seeking patient input.
When? Thursday 7 November 2024, 2pm to 4.30pm

How to find patient partners and keep them involved

This session is for anyone looking to involve patients in their research. Learn where to go to find people who will get involved, and how to help them remain engaged.
When? Thursday 14 November 2024, 2pm to 4.30pm

Facilitation: how to get the most out of your PPI activities

This session is for anyone looking to run workshops of focus groups. Learn how to get the most out of your meetings.
When? Thursday 21 November 2024, 10am to 12.30pm

How to do PPI: focus groups and more

This session is for anyone who understands the role of PPI and wants to put their learning into practice. The session examines PPI methods in depth, including cost, how to choose the right method for your project, and with a particular look at how to run a PPI focus group.
When? Thursday 28 November 2024, 2pm to 4.30pm