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## **Institute for Policy and Engagement Research England Participatory Research funding call 2021-22**

The Institute for Policy and Engagement is pleased to announce we have received an allocation of [Research England's Participatory Research Funds](#).

We are now calling for proposals which directly involve a wide pool of people, organisations and participatory approaches to research. This scheme aims to support and encourage researchers to engage with the users of research throughout the research lifecycle, from conception to evaluation.

***Projects using innovative models and methodologies for participatory research are now invited.*** These must specifically involve co-production of research and may be pilot studies or pump priming for new initiatives that might lead to bids for external funding. As stated by Research England, participatory or co-produced research strengthens research outcomes by involving the communities and users of research, better recognising their experience, needs and preferences, and giving greater agency to communities to implement findings.

### ***How much is available?***

There is no upper limit on funding, but the total fund allocated to the call will be approx. £110K.

Submissions must be led by a University of Nottingham academic or member of research staff working in partnership with a public body, charity or other organisation which facilitates and enables working with community or special interest groups. Unfortunately, it is not available to staff based in Malaysia or China.

### ***What will the fund support?***

This call will fund you to initiate or develop co-production of research or engagement tools.

The fund will not support activities already funded through existing research awards.

The call requires specific plans to pilot these activities within a realistic timeframe. Spend must be completed by financial year end (31 July 2022).

All successful applicants will receive a training session in co-production.

### ***Who can apply?***

University of Nottingham academic or research staff are eligible to apply, as long as their contract of employment extends up until their proposed project's end date. This includes early career researchers. Unfortunately, it is not available to staff based in Malaysia or China. If you are unsure as to your eligibility, please [contact us](#) before completing your application

### ***How do I apply?***

Please submit your bid using the [following form](#) by midnight on Friday 21 January 2022. Please seek your Head of School's approval before submitting an application. To assist with our diversity monitoring data, we would be grateful if you would also complete [this form](#), it will be anonymous and separate to your application.

### ***When will I know if I have been successful?***

A panel, chaired by the Academic Lead for Public Engagement, will evaluate applications based on their likelihood of achieving impact and benefitting both the public and the University of Nottingham. Successful applicants will be notified by Tuesday 1 February 2022.

### ***What other requirements are there?***

A final project impact report and evaluation will be a requirement of the funding. We expect awardees to share their learning by supporting Institute training events, and to be prepared to blog or podcast about their project, support will be provided where required. It will be necessary for successful applicants to attend a training workshop. We expect you to have gained your Head of School's approval in principle for this project before submitting an application.

Whilst we ask about previous public engagement experience and funding received in the past, this isn't a requirement for this funding and is merely for our information.

If your proposed project includes working with international partners, you should complete the [Trusted Research Level 1 Project Notification Form](#) as early as possible and before submitting your proposal to the Institute. This is to allow the R&I team to assess any potential risks for your project at an early stage and to ensure you have the support you need to address these risks.

### ***What support can I access?***

We are very happy to discuss ideas for how public engagement might be achieved and to help you shape your proposal. If you'd like some support in developing your ideas, or would like more information, please [email us](#).

### ***Timeline summary***

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