# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SKILLS

SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT



### Public Engagement Skills Self-Assessment Toolkit

Engaging people and public groups with your research doesn't have to involve developing a whole new set of skills or gaining new knowledge. You may already have the skills and expertise to be successful at engaging people with your work. Many of the skills we associate with being necessary for public engagement are not unique to public engagement, they can come from a whole range of different experiences from both your professional and your personal life – they are by their nature 'transferable' to a wide variety of fields and, likewise, they are drawn from a wide variety of fields.

The Public Engagement Skills Self-Assessment Toolkit aims to help you become aware of the skills and expertise you already have and identify any gaps you may wish to develop. This toolkit is made up of a series of interactive and reflective exercises across three sections:

## Public Engagement Skills Self-Assessment Toolkit

- 1. MY MOTIVATIONS, EXPERIENCES & PREFERENCES
- 1A. WHAT MOTIVATES ME
- 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING
- 1C. ENGAGEMENT METHOD PREFERENCE QUIZ
- 2. MY EXPERTISE, SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES
- 2A. ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE WHEELS
- 2B. ATTRIBUTES AUDIT
- 3. MY ACTION PLAN

THIS SECTION SUMMARISES ANY SKILLS OR EXPERIENCES
YOU MAY WISH TO DEVELOP FURTHER

#### SECTION 1 - MY MOTIVATIONS, EXPERIENCES & PREFERENCES

There are so many opportunities for public engagement with research that the choice can be overwhelming. It is easy to find yourself doing things that are fun and interesting without thinking strategically about what will be useful to your research or your professional development. The exercises in this section will help you understand your motivations, experiences and preferences.

- 1A. WHAT MOTIVATES ME
- 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING
- 1C. ENGAGEMENT METHOD PREFERENCE QUIZ

This exercise will help you reflect on what motivates you to get involved in public engagement.

Why you want to get involved in public engagement is personal to you. In this exercise, we ask you to take a moment to reflect on your motivations. This will help you:

- identify the benefits that public engagement with research will bring
- be strategic in your choices by prioritising activities that are of value to you and the groups you are reaching out to
- identify the key stakeholders you'd most like to work with
- choose activities that you will find interesting and rewarding, and that work for people you are engaging with
- find the time and energy to make your activity work

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

EXERCISE



Why do you want to get involved in public engagement?

Use the space below to note down the main reasons why you want to get involved in public engagement - in the general sense and also more specifically in relation to your current research project.

WHY	PUBLIC	ENGAGEMENT	GENERALLY?	WHY	FOR	MY	CURRENT	RESEARCH	PROJECT?	

#### NEED INSPIRATION?

Check out some of the common reasons why researchers want to get involved in engaging public groups with their work on page nine.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

EXERCISE



Outcomes for you and your research

Think about your motivation for doing public engagement specifically related to your current research project answer the following questions:

HAT DO YOU	THINK WILL	CHANGE	ABOUT YOUR	R RESEARCH I	F YO	U DO		
SUCCESSFU	L PUBLIC EN	GAGEMENT	PROJECT?					
HAT DO YOU	THINK WILL	CHANGE	ABOUT YOU	(PERSONALLY	OR	PROFES:	SIONALLY	
	SUCCESSFUL							



How important to you is each of your more general motivations that you identified earlier?

Return to the table in 1 and review your list and rate each of the motivations with the following scales:

On a scale of 1 – 3 (1 – Very important to me, 2 – Quite important to me and 3 – Not important or relevant to me)

#### WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

NEXT STEPS

You've now identified the broad motivations you have in relation to public engagement with research, along with some motivations you feel are particularly relevant for your current research project. Use this list to help you make decisions about the types of activities you get involved in. However, these motivations may change for you over time and will become much more specific for each intervention/project and for each research funder.

#### NEXT STEPS

Put a note in your calendar now to revisit these motivations in the future, when your public engagement activity has developed. Note your motivations, and ask yourself these questions when the time comes:

- Does my public engagement activity match my motivations?
- What needs to change?
- What is going well?
- Who needs more support?

#### WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

COMMON MOTIVATIONS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I want to develop new and existing skills to enhance my professional development (to assist with probation, promotion and general career progression).

to have equal access to wealth, health, wellbeing, justice and opportunity.

community NEEDS I want to use my research to address the needs of people outside the university.

AURTURING NEW TALENT I want to encourage a broader range of future researchers so my field can benefit from diverse ideas and talent.

ENJOYMENT I want to feel refreshed and have fun by doing something different with my research.

PROMOTING TRUST I want to make research an open, accessible and transparent process and promote trust between research institutions and society.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC SUPPORT universities are dependent on public funds, and public support, and must be accountable for this.

funding for my research. Funders want to see how my research effects people outside academia, and public engagement is a great way to evidence this.

RAISING MY PROFILE I want to raise my profile as a researcher or individual.

RAISING AWARENESS I want to make sure that people know about my area of research.

perspectives on my research from people outside academia who have first-hand experience and knowledge of the issues I'm interested in.

students I work with to have a broader experience of university life that includes communities connected to their area of study.

#### 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING

Many of the skills that are necessary to do public engagement are not unique to public engagement. Developing your practice in public engagement is not about learning a whole new set of skills or knowledge but drawing on the expertise you may already have from other jobs you've done; personal achievements or roles you have in your personal life you might not immediately associate with your current job.

This exercise will help you explore a variety of experiences and dig a little deeper into them looking for transferable skills as well as what you enjoyed or disliked about those experiences. Doing this will help you discover and surface your existing skills, expertise, and preferences that will be valuable in developing your approach to engaging people with your research.

#### 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING

EXERCISE

Starting with your current role, work backwards and create a map of your journey of how you got here. Use the next page of the toolkit to do this.

Chart on your map any significant experiences you had along the way, professional or personal, these could be other roles you've held, hobbies, interests and achievements or voluntary activities you've undertaken.

At each point think about the skills and knowledge you developed because of that experience.

QUESTIONS TO PROMPT REFLECTIONS:

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE?

WAS THAT A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE? WHY WAS THAT?

DID THAT EXPERIENCE MAKE YOU FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT ANYTHING? WHY?

DID THAT EXPERIENCE INFLUENCE WHAT YOU DID NEXT?

# 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING EXERCISE

Map out your career journey

#### 1B. EXPERIENCE MAPPING

NEXT STEPS

Look back at your timeline, use the space below to compile a ist of the skills and attributes you developed to date.

#### 1C. ENGAGEMENT METHOD PREFERENCE QUIZ

Your approach to engaging public groups with your research may be the result of your own personal style, interest and preferences. This could be the result of your education, interests outside work and study, your work experience or how you prefer to be engaged and learn. Understanding your preferences will help make sense of why you might be more interested in doing science comedy versus running a focus group, for example.

This exercise aims to help you understand your preferences and reflect on how these preferences may or may not meet the needs of engagement in your research project.

#### 1C. ENGAGEMENT METHOD PREFERENCE QUIZ

#### EXERCISE

This quiz is a way to explore your preferences and interests when it comes to public engagement. For each of these six points choose a statement that you think best describes you. Don't think too hard just go for your gut instinct.

- I like persuading other people to think differently
  - **B** I like building consensus
  - c I enjoy being challenged by opposing views
- A I like thinking of creative ways to share my knowledge
  - B I like thinking of creative ways for people to work together
  - c I like thinking of creative ways for people to share their knowledge and experience
- 3 A I am an ideas person
  - B I am flexible and open-minded
  - c I value others' points of view
- A I like feeling that I am independent
  - B I like feeling that I am part of a community
  - c I like understanding other people's view
- I enjoy seeing others interested in, or entertained by, the things that I have to say
  - в I enjoy open-ended creative activities
  - c I am a good listener
- 6 A I like solving problems alone, using my own ideas
  - B I like solving problems in a team
  - C I like solving problems alone, after I've had some input from others

#### 1C. ENGAGEMENT METHOD PREFERENCE QUIZ

LOOK BACK AT YOUR ANSWERS. IF YOU ANSWERED...

EXERCISE

MOSTLY As — INFORM You will probably enjoy working on public engagement activities that focus on sharing your knowledge, inspiring people, educating them, and influencing their decisions. Activities you might want to get involved in include:

- Public talks, debates and panels
- Festivals
- Blogs
- Social media including Twitter, Instagram and social news website Reddit
- Broadcast media such as TV, Radio and podcasting

MOSTLY BS - WORK TOGETHER You will probably enjoy working on collaborative engagement activities, in which you work with people with different backgrounds to solve problems, make decisions, and create things. Activities you might want to get involved in include:

- Dialogue events
- Participatory art projects
- Workshops and working groups
- Coproduction activities

MOSTLY Cs – LISTEN You will probably enjoy working on engagement activities where you learn about others' experiences, opinions, and knowledge from outside academia. Activities you might want to get involved in include:

- Interviews, surveys and questionnaires
- Focus groups
- Citizens' juries
- Advisory panels

These are the three main purposes of most public engagement activities. However, in reality, public engagement activities will rarely just have a single purpose but be combination of one or more.

REFLECTIONS This quiz reveals the preference you have for the type of public engagement activity you might be best suited to be involved in. However, the audiences you want to work with, and the goals you want to achieve with engaging people with your research, may work better with other styles of activities.

#### SECTION 2 - MY EXPERTISE, SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

The skills often associated with public engagement are not unique to public engagement. The exercises in this section will help you identify your skills and attributes that will help successfully develop and delivery activities that engage people with your research.

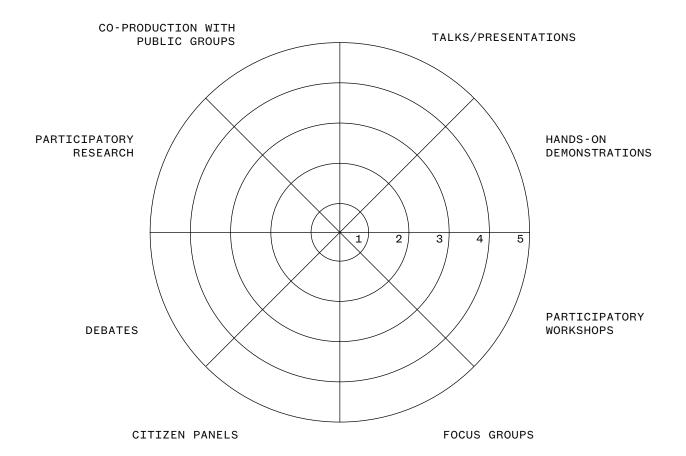
2A. ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE WHEELS

2B. ATTRIBUTES AUDIT

EXERCISE

1. ENGAGEMENT METHODS How experienced are you at the following methods or activities that engage people with research?

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING

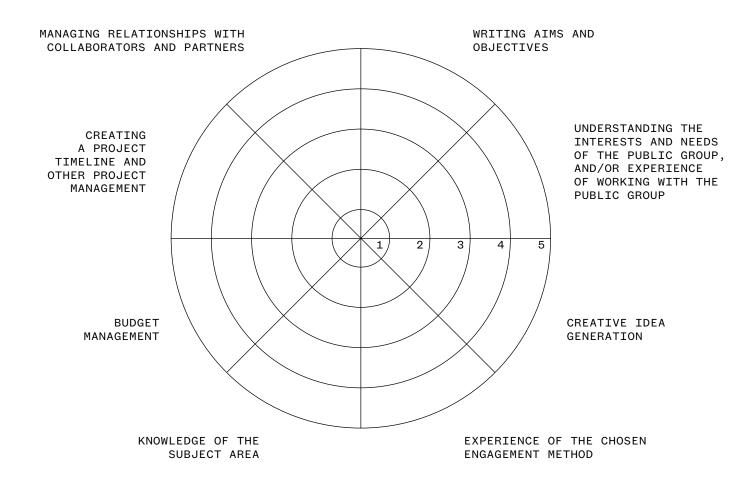


# QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION WHICH METHOD DO YOU FEEL MOST CONFIDENT IN AND WHY? CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY SKILLS THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU GOOD AT THIS ENGAGEMENT METHOD? WHICH METHOD DO YOU FEEL LEAST CONFIDENT IN? WHY IS THIS AND DOES IT MATTER TO HELP YOU MEET YOUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GOALS? WHICH METHOD DO YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO BE BETTER AT TO MEET YOUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GOALS?

EXERCISE

2. PLANNING A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY How would you rate your experience in areas of work or the skills associated with planning a public engagement activity?

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION

WHAT OTHER THINGS DO YOU NEED TO DO TO PLAN

A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY?

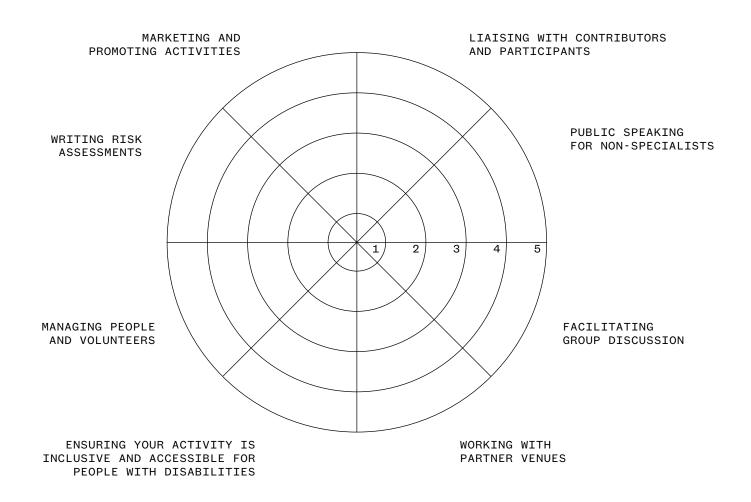
IN WHAT OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE COULD YOU BE USING THESE SKILLS ALREADY? (SEE OUR EXPERIENCE MAPPING EXERCISE IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THIS FURTHER)

WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH AREAS OF WORK IN WHICH YOU LACK SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE?

EXERCISE

3. DELIVERING A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY How would you rate your experience in areas of work or the skills associated with planning a public engagement activity?

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION

WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH AREAS OF WORK IN WHICH YOU LACK SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE?

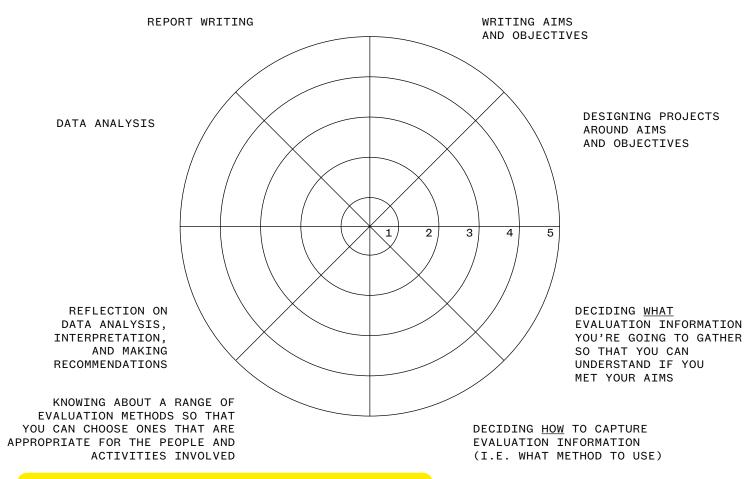
IS ALL OF THIS ACTIVITY NECESSARY FOR YOUR PROJECT?
WHAT OTHER PRACTICAL THINGS MIGHT BE NEEDED?

WHO ELSE'S NEEDS MIGHT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER?

EXERCISE

4. EVALUATING A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY How would you rate your experience in areas of work or the skills associated with evaluating a public engagement activity?

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION

WHY ARE YOU EVALUATING YOUR PROJECT?

ARE YOU EVALUATING YOUR PROJECT AS IT PROCEEDS, TO KEEP IT ON TRACK?

ARE YOU EVALUATING YOUR PROJECT AT THE END, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WORKED AND DIDN'T WORK,

AND WHAT YOU CAN DO BETTER NEXT TIME?

ARE YOU EVALUATING YOUR PROJECT SO THAT

YOU CAN TELL YOUR FUNDER WHAT WORKED AND ARGUE

FOR MORE FUNDING IN THE FUTURE?

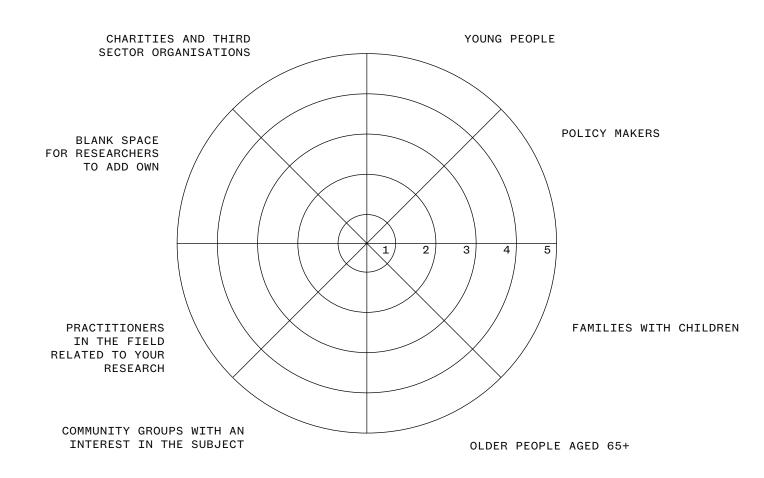
WHERE CAN YOU GET SOME SUPPORT WITH EVALUATION?

EXERCISE

# Tate how experienced you are at working with different public groups?

The following wheel is a prompt to get you thinking about how experienced you are working with people outside of academia, you may not need to be experienced in working with all of these people.

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING



#### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION

WHICH OF THESE PUBLIC GROUPS DO YOU HAVE THE MOST EXPERIENCE WITH?

IS THIS THE PUBLIC GROUP YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE WITH?

IF SO, CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY SKILLS THAT YOU'VE USED THAT HAVE MADE YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THIS GROUP SUCCESSFUL?

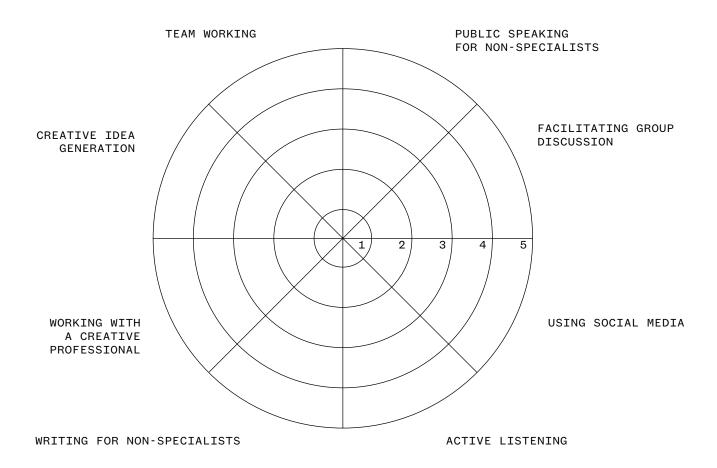
IF NOT, CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY SKILLS YOU'VE USED TO ENGAGE THIS GROUP THAT MIGHT BE TRANSFERABLE TO THE PUBLIC GROUP YOU DO WANT TO WORK WITH?

WHAT PUBLIC GROUPS HAVE AN INTEREST IN YOUR AREA OF RESEARCH?
OR MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST, IF THEY KNEW ABOUT IT?

EXERCISE

6. COMMON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SKILLS How would you rate your experience of practising these common public engagement skills?

SHADE IN THE SEGMENTS TO REFLECTS YOUR RATING



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU EXPLORE EACH SECTION

WHICH OF THESE COMMON ENGAGEMENT SKILLS DID YOU SCORE HIGHLY?

HOW DID YOU DEVELOP THESE SKILLS?

ARE THERE ANY SKILLS YOU FEEL YOU'RE MISSING THAT WOULD HELP YOU TO ENGAGE WITH PUBLIC GROUPS ABOUT YOUR WORK?

NEXT STEPS

You've come to the end of this activity. Hopefully you have identified areas of strength as well as areas you may want to work on. Make a note of areas of experience where you scored highly in each section:
Make a note of areas of experience that you think are important for your future public engagement activity, but in which you lack experience:

Researchers who practise and value engaging people and public groups with their research have identified several common attributes that they feel were useful when thinking about how to do public engagement successfully. These attributes broadly describe the qualities, behaviours, approaches and skills associated that enable researchers to be successful in engaging public groups with their research, but these qualities are not unique to public engagement.

This exercise draws on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework and the public engagement lens created for exploring that framework.

EXERCISE

Start by placing the Statement Cards on page 29 (see below) at the top of your workspace.

There are six Attributes Cards packs, eaching containing cards that outline knowledge, behaviours and qualities associated with that attribute. They are:

WORKING WITH OTHERS

COMMUNICATION

PROBLEM SOLVING

CREATIVITY

PERSONAL QUALITIES

USING RESOURCES

Choose one pack to begin with, cut out the cards and place each card underneath the Statement Card that best reflects how you feel about that attribute.

Remember, think beyond your current professional role, you may want to draw on examples from experiences or achievements in your personal life or other professional roles.

NEXT STEPTS

Once you have placed all the cards in the pack, start thinking about the public engagement work you would like to do. Choose six attributes that you said you would like to gain experience in or improve in order to positively influence your public engagement. Then think about opportunities you might be able to use to develop in these areas.

AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT	ACTIVITY THAT COULD HELP SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

ATRIBUTES CARDS

EXERCISE

#### Statement cards

I HADN'T REALLY
CONSIDERED THIS

I AM AWARE OF THIS BUT
AM NOT VERY EXPERIENCED

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS

I CAN DO THIS BUT WOULD

LIKE TO GAIN MORE

EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUE

TO IMPROVE

THIS ISN'T RELEVANT TO ME

I DO THIS ALL THE TIME
WITHOUT REALLY THINKING
ABOUT IT. IT'S JUST
INSTINCTIVE

WORKING WITH OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHERS **TEAMWORKING TEAMWORKING** 

SHOWING CONSIDERATION KEEPING PEOPLE INFORMED TO OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHER LISTENING PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF STATUS UNDERSTANDING MY OWN GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOURS AND THEIR FEEDBACK IMPACT ON OTHERS WHEN WORKING IN A TEAM KEEPING PEOPLE INFORMED APPRECIATING THE OF WIDER ISSUES RELATING CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS

TO MY WORK

WORKING WITH OTHERS	
TEAMWORKING	

SEEKING FEEDBACK
FROM COLLEAGUES AND
ACTING ON IT

WORKING WITH OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHERS PEOPLE MANAGEMENT PEOPLE MANAGEMENT WORKING WITH OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHERS PEOPLE MANAGEMENT PEOPLE MANAGEMENT WORKING WITH OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHERS PEOPLE MANAGEMENT PEOPLE MANAGEMENT WORKING WITH OTHERS WORKING WITH OTHERS PEOPLE MANAGEMENT PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

TO OTHERS

SETTING OUT CLEAR ROLES, EXPLAINING THE RATIONALE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND BEHIND DECISIONS **EXPECTATIONS FOR OTHERS** MOTIVATING AND LEADING BY EXAMPLE, **ENCOURAGING OTHERS** INSPIRING OTHERS CREATING A NURTURING COMMUNICATING CLEARLY AND SUPPORTIVE CULTURE FOR OTHERS DELEGATING RESPONSIBLY

BEING ALERT TO THE WELLBEING OF OTHERS

WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP

RECOGNISING THE ACTING AS A MENTOR TO LESS IMPORTANCE OF MENTORSHIP AND EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES RECEIVING MENTORING IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN OTHERS BEING A ROLE MODEL SHARING MY NETWORKS INVOLVING PEOPLE IN CREATING OPPORTUNITIES DECISION-MAKING FOR OTHERS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES,

PROMOTING AUTONOMY

WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP

ENGAGING IN DEBATE AND LISTENING ACTIVELY INVITING CHALLENGE RECOGNISING AND **ENCOURAGING THE** COMMUNICATING CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS CONFIDENTLY AND USING THESE TO BEST EFFECT OFFERING IDEAS THAT INCLUDING AND **ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ENABLING OTHERS** THINK DIFFERENTLY

CONVINCING PEOPLE
THROUGH ARGUMENT

RECOGNISING GOOD IDEAS:

MY OWN AND OTHERS'

WORKING WITH OTHERS

LEADERSHIP

WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP
WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP	WORKING WITH OTHERS  LEADERSHIP

TAKING A STRATEGIC VIEW

OF PROJECTS

PLANNING AHEAD

DEALING WITH
THE UNEXPECTED

EMBRACING CHANGE AND RESPONDING DECISIVELY

ANTICIPATING RISK

COACHING AND
REASSURING OTHERS

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING

CO-OPERATIVE NETWORKS AND

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

WITHIN MY INSTITUTION AND

WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS

AND STAKEHOLDERS

WORKING WITH OTHERS

COLLABORATION

WORKING WITH OTHERS

COLLABORATION

WORKING WITH OTHERS

COLLABORATION

WORKING WITH OTHERS

COLLABORATION

WORKING WITH OTHERS

(COLLABORATION)

VALUING
COLLABORATIVE
WORK

RECOGNISING COMMON/
CONFLICTING INTERESTS

BUILDING MUTUALLY

BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS

WITH A RANGE OF COLLEAGUES

WITHIN RESEARCH AND WITH

PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST

OR STAKE IN MY RESEARCH

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING
IN AND CONTRIBUTING TO,
COLLABORATIONS

WORKING IN MULTI/CROSS
DISCIPLINARY TEAMS

WORKING WITH OTHERS
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

WORKING WITH OTHERS
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

BEING SENSITIVE TO, AND
RESPECTFUL OF, INDIVIDUAL
DIFFERENCES. DEVELOPING AN
AWARENESS OF DIVERSITY AND
DIFFERENCE WITHIN THE
WORKING ENVIRONMENT

ACTING AS A ROLE MODEL

FOR PERSONAL CONDUCT

WHEN DEALING WITH

DIFFERENCES AND DIVERSITY;

EDUCATING, ADVISING AND

GUIDING OTHERS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SKILLS SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT	
COMMUNICATION	COMMUNICATION
COMMUNICATION	COMMUNICATION
COMMUNICATION	

CONSTRUCTING COHERENT

ARGUMENTS AND ARTICULATING

IDEAS CLEARLY

PRESENTING WORK

CONFIDENTLY

BEING ABLE TO PERSUADE
OTHERS BY ASKING TIMELY
AND APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS

COMMUNICATING RESEARCH

EFFECTIVELY TO A

NON-SPECIALIST AUDIENCE

VARYING MY PRESENTATION

APPROACH DEPENDING ON

THE AUDIENCE

CRITICALLY ANALYSING AND EVALUATING EVIDENCE

USING MY

ANALYTICAL ABILITIES AND

KNOWLEDGE OF A RANGE OF

ANALYTICAL METHODS

SEEING CONNECTIONS

BETWEEN MY OWN RESEARCH

AND PREVIOUS STUDIES

CRITICALLY SYNTHESISING

COMPLEX INFORMATION

RECOGNISING PATTERNS

AND CONNECTIONS

BETWEEN INFORMATION

ARGUMENTS AND

ARTICULATING OWN

ASSUMPTIONS

INDEPENDENT AND
CRITICAL THINKING

MAKING SOUND AND
REALISTIC JUDGEMENTS
BASED ON EVIDENCE

STIMULATING CRITICAL  THINKING IN OTHERS	SUMMARISING DOCUMENTS  AND, REPORTS
REFLECTING ON PROGRESS	ACCEPTING AND GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM
EFFECTIVELY MANAGING DIFFICULT CRITICISM	FORMULATING AND APPLYING SOLUTIONS TO A RANGE OF PROBLEMS
EFFECTIVELY ANALYSING AND INTERPRETING RESULTS	

DEMONSTRATING A DEMONSTRATING FLEXIBILITY WILLINGNESS AND AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS ABILITY TO LEARN DEVELOPING A STYLE IDENTIFYING AND ASKING OF QUESTIONING AND USEFUL QUESTIONS QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES

BEING CURIOUS

HAVING CONFIDENCE IN

ASKING QUESTIONS

TO CHALLENGE

OPPORTUNITIES BY
INVESTIGATING AND
SEEKING INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES

USING MY INITIATIVE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY MAKING CONNECTIONS IDENTIFYING WHICH BETWEEN PREVIOUSLY IDEAS ARE LIKELY UNRELATED ISSUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGING ENCOURAGING, INSPIRING **TRADITIONAL** AND WORKING WITH OTHERS VIEWPOINTS ACTIVELY SEEKING COLLABORATIONS FOR STRUCTURING ARGUMENTS **CLEARLY AND CONCISELY** INTERDISCIPLINARY

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CREATIVITY	

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SKILLS SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT

EDUCATING, ADVISING

AND GUIDING OTHERS IN

CONSTRUCTING ARGUMENTS

PERSONAL QUALITIES	
ENTHUSIASM	

PERSONAL QUALITIES

ENTHUSIASM

PERSONAL QUALITIES

ENTHUSIASM

MAINTAINING ENTHUSIASM

AND MOTIVATION IN RESEARCH

RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR PASSION AND PRIDE IN WORK

BEING HIGHLY MOTIVATED

EVEN WHEN WORK IS MUNDANE

PERSONAL QUALITIES

INTEGRITY

PERSONAL QUALITIES

INTEGRITY

PERSONAL QUALITIES

INTEGRITY

PERSONAL QUALITIES

INTEGRITY

UNDERSTANDING AND

DEMONSTRATING STANDARD OF

GOOD RESEARCH PRACTICE IN

INSTITUTION/DISCIPLINE

SEEKING GUIDANCE
AS NECESSARY

ACTING WITH PROFESSIONAL
INTEGRITY AND HONESTY,
TAKING SPECIAL CARE IN
INFORMATION/DATA HANDLING

ACTING AS EXEMPLAR TO OR
ADVISING PEERS AND THOSE
LESS EXPERIENCED, RESPECTING
THEIR VIEWS AND ENGAGING
EFFECTIVELY IN DISCUSSION

# PERSONAL QUALITIES SELF-CONFIDENCE

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RECOGNISING BOUNDARIES OF
OWN KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND
EXPERTISE AND DRAWING UPON
SOURCES AND SUPPORT

BEING AWARE OF RANGE OF
OWN SKILLS AND ENJOYING
DEMONSTRATING THEM

DEFENDING IDEAS

IN THE FACE OF

REASONABLE CHALLENGE

BEING CONFIDENT OF OWN
SKILLS AND IDEAS IN THE
FACE OF STRONG CHALLENGE
- SEEKING CHALLENGE

CONTRIBUTING TO
SUPPORTING OTHERS AND
RECOGNISING THE NEED
FOR COLLEGIALITY

ASKING AND SEEKING

OUT FEEDBACK ON A NEW/

UNUSUAL/RADICAL IDEAS

PERSONAL QUALITIES

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MAKING TIME TO REFLECT ON PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE

LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

BEING AWARE OF OWN
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

SEEKING WAYS TO IMPROVE MY
OWN PERFORMANCE AND THAT
OF THOSE LESS EXPERIENCED

ENCOURAGING

SELF-REFLECTION

IN OTHERS

## PERSONAL QUALITIES

TIME MANAGEMENT

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TIME MANAGEMENT

MANAGING OWN TIME

EFFECTIVELY TO

COMPLETE PROJECT

STICKING TO A CLEAR PLAN

ESTABLISHING TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

MANAGING MULTIPLE
PROJECTS AT THE
SAME TIME

### USING RESOURCES

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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### USING RESOURCES

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

APPLYING EFFECTIVE

PROJECT MANAGEMENT BY

SETTING AIMS AND

OBJECTIVES, IDENTIFYING

MILESTONES AND PRIORITISING

TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

UNDERSTANDING THE PROJECT

MANAGEMENT CYCLE AND

DRAWING ON A RANGE OF

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOLS

AND TECHNIQUES

MANAGING PROBLEMS

AND CONFLICT

USING RESOURCES

FUNDING AND FINANCE

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESSES FOR PROJECT FUNDING

UNDERSTANDING THE
PROCESSES FOR
PROJECT EVALUATION

WRITING MY OWN
PROJECT PROPOSALS

BEING AWARE OF RELEVANT

FUNDING SOURCES AND

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

SUCCESSFULLY APPLYING
FOR GRANTS AND OTHER
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

USING RESOURCES

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

UNDERSTANDING THE
BASIC PRINCIPLES OF
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

UNDERSTANDING THE
REQUIRED FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT SERVICES
WITHIN YOUR INSTITUTION

KEEPING AND RECONCILING
BUDGET ACCOUNTS

MANAGING MY OWN GRANT(S)

# MY ACTION PLAN MOTIVATIONS

Return to exercise 1A and write down, in order of importance, your motivations for carrying out public engagement in general and with your current research project specifically.	

STRENGTHS

Look back at the exercises in 1B and 2C. What knowledge, skills and abilities did you identify that would be useful in your public engagement practice?

What are you trying to achieve through your public engagement activity?
(You may want to return to exercise 1C to remind
yourself of the three general purposes of public
enagagement with research)
Which audiences or participants would be most appropriate
for you to work with?
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Why

Which type of engagement would work best for the audience or participants you'd like to work with?	
Which types of engagement do you think would suit you best as a person?	

#### NEXT STEPS

Write down a list of things you intend to do in the next week, month and six months to take forward the areas for development listed above.

#### **RESOURSES**

Come talk to the <u>Public Engagement Unit</u> – we have a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in public engagement and can help you think about how to best develop your engagement practice.

Check out the Public Engagement Knowledge Hub

Visit the <u>National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement</u> for a diverse range of public engagement case studies.

Download <u>UCL's Public Engagement Toolkits and Guides</u>

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