

WARWICK INSTITUTE OF ENGAGEMENT

Students and Public Engagement

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What is Engagement?

 Engagement (also referred to as 'public' and 'community' engagement) is about people inside universities interacting with those outside universities to share knowledge and research, collaborate on ideas, co-produce new approaches and enable curiosity, exploration and conversation. Through it everyone gains valuable interactions and insights, in turn contributing to societal development and progress.



What the Warwick Institute of Engagement offers...

Staff

Advice and feedback for research grant applications

Collaboration and Co-Production Fund

to grow relationships with community groups

> Support with writing promotion cases

Toolkits and funding to embed public and community engagement into teaching



Skills-focused online resources and interactive masterclasses



Promotion

of your - public events

Expertise in developing collaborations with community groups

resonate

A programme of funded events

to engage the public

Students



UG and PGT modules

in public engagement with IATL



MASc in Community, Engagement and Belonging with Liberal Arts





Public engagement **URSS** projects





Points for the WARWICK AWARD STUDENT OPPORTUNIT

warwick.ac.uk/wie

Go to vevox.app then enter the session ID 165-549-111

- 1. What opportunities are offered by your department for students to do public or community engagement?
- 2. Staff: How do you communicate opportunities to students?
- 3. Students: how do you find out about opportunities?

WAPCE



Fatemah Jafar, UG, Physics Warwick Christmas Lecture Department ambassador Resonate Festival



Tallulah George, UG, Classics and Ancient History URSS



Abigail Coppins, PGR, School of Modern Languages and Cultures Working with under-represented groups, sharing research through co-production



Tishtyra Mehta, PGR, Physics STEM Connections Pint of Science Warwick Christmas Lectures Supporting colleagues Mentoring students

Who gains what from students doing public engagement?

Consider this from the perspective of:

- Students
- Departments and the wider university
- The public

Students

- Enriches their university experience
- Improves their ability to interact socially and articulate themselves
- Developing empathy
- Sense of belonging
- Helps them build a highly transferrable skillset
- Public Engagement activities are recognised and celebrated via the Warwick Award (and look good on their CV)

Departments and the wider University

- Enabling informed and evidence-based approaches to teaching and learning
- Inspiring prospective students
- Students feel connected to local communities- cohesion
- Wider reach for staff/department's own PE activities
- Social impact
- Funding
- REF and TEF

The Public

- New knowledge and insights
- Understanding how research works and what universities do
- Input on what universities do and on students' learning
- Establishing trust
- Making informed decisions, about learning, healthcare, legal rights, environmental consciousness, etc

Create a plan for a student opportunity

- URSS public engagement project, Resonate event, taught module, department internship, or other opportunity
- What are the aims, and the benefits to the student, the public and Warwick?
- Are there any links to current projects/work at Warwick (by students or staff)?

Support from WIE

- Resonate events
- URSS public engagement internships
- Public and Community Engagement Module Development Fund
- Collaboration and Co-Production Fund

Final thoughts and feelings

- What are you feeling optimistic or enthusiastic about?
- What are you feeling worried about or in need of help with?

Answers on post-its at the back of the room – add your name if you'd like to be contacted afterwards.

