

Content overview

Public Engagement for Independent Researchers

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Day One

1. Introductions
2. Discussing our experiences of public engagement, interactive session with individuals contributing via a shared Google document and discussion.
3. What is public engagement, and how can we talk about it in language our funders and employers use? This session will look at national and university frameworks that support public engagement, the Royal Society's position and those of other funders and regulators of research.
4. What do researchers get out of public engagement? In breakout rooms, researchers develop their own lists of the benefits of public engagement.
5. What is a good outcome for public engagement? Looking at defining aims of projects and making evaluation possible.
6. Understanding the different audiences who engage with science. This will look at how to define an audience and will focus strongly on understanding the people who might engage with the research of those in the room. We'll look at their needs and interests.

Day Two

7. Project generation. In breakout rooms, researchers will develop new public engagement projects around their research aimed at specific public engagement audiences.
8. What to do now? A session looking at public engagement schemes that exist for researchers to get involved with and build experience. We'll focus on how to access those schemes, since many researchers report that the main barrier to public engagement is not knowing how to access existing schemes.