**Joint event of Fuse and the Centre for Partnering**

*The future of commissioning public services in local government: a relational approach to collaboration and partnership*

**Thursday 27 May 2021, 10:00 to 12:00**

**Join us to find out about opportunities for collaborative action and research.**

Partnering is central to public policy, the public sector does not itself deliver all public services but relies instead on the capacity, capabilities, experience and expertise of the private and third sectors to build infrastructure and to deliver services.

The Centre for Partnering Group (CfP) was founded to improve the way in which public, private and voluntary sectors partner with each other. The focus of the CfP’s work is in the field of ‘relationalism’- that is putting the need to form relationships first and sometimes ahead of those legal, financial, social, political and economic factors that influence partnering outcomes***.*** www.centreforpartnering.org

Partnering is also central to Fuse, the Centre for Translational Research in Public Health, and is a core plank of its research strategy. This strategy has increasingly focused on local government and how to work in co-production with local policy and practice partners to inform commissioning of public services. Fuse signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Partnering in December 2020. [www.fuse.ac.uk](http://www.fuse.ac.uk)

**Aim**

This event aims to bring together members from Fuse and the Centre for Partnering to implement the MoU.

**Proposed format**

The event will provide an overview of the Centre for Partnering and its work in defining ‘relationalism’ within the frameworks of Sustainable Development Goals and Social Determinants of Health. The event will also offer reflections on collaborative research with local government in Fuse. Participants can join discussions on how best to link Fuse members with the CfP’s working groups by identifying cross-cutting themes and opportunities for developing these themes into collaborative projects.

This two-hour online event will take place on the Zoom platform with video or dial in options available.

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**Event leads:**

* Prof Adrian Bonner, Centre for Partnering
* Peter van der Graaf, Teesside University/ Fuse
* Prof Joyce Liddle, CfP- Regionalism Group
* Prof John Shutt, CfP- Regionalism Group
* Dr Richard Simmons, CfP- Research lead
* Prof Richard Smith, Centre for Partnering

**Fuse Research Programmes:** Translational Research, Health Inequalities

**Programme**

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| 10:00 | **Welcome and introductions**   * **Prof Richard Smith, Centre for Partnering** * **Dr Peter van der Graaf, Teesside University/Fuse** |
| 10:15 | **Prof Adrian Bonner, Centre for Partnering**  ‘*Local Authorities and Social Determinants of Health: a relational approach to public service commissioning’* |
| 10:30 | **Profs Joyce Liddle and John Shutt, Centre for Partnering**  ‘*A regionalism perspective on the use of relationalism* and the levelling up agenda’ |
| 10:45 | **Dr Richard Simmons, Centre for Partnering**  ‘*CfP Relationalism research exemplar-focus on public health’* |
| 11:00 | **Break** |
| 11:10 | **Dr Peter van der Graaf, Fuse Knowledge Exchange Broker, Teesside University**  ‘*Reflection on eight years of collaborative research with local government and where next’* |
| 11:25 | **Q&A and discussion**  *Identifying opportunities for collaborative action and research on a relational approach to public service commissioning in local government* |
| 11:55 | **Summary of meeting**   * **Prof Richard Smith, Centre for Partnering** * **Dr Peter van der Graaf, Fuse Knowledge Exchange Broker** |
| 12:00 | **Close of event** |