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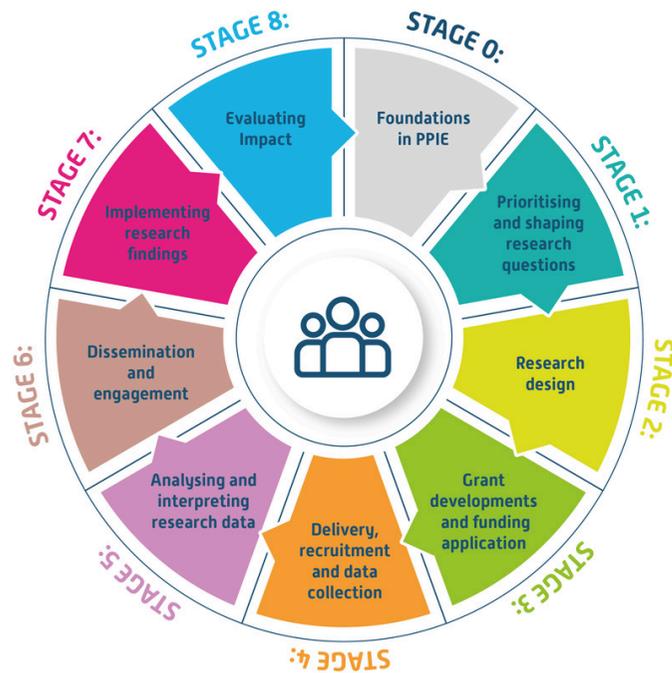
A joint initiative with Newcastle Health Research Partnership & Creating Connections

The stages shown in the wheel:

- STAGE 0: Foundations in PPIE
- STAGE 1: Prioritising and shaping research questions
- STAGE 2: Research design
- STAGE 3: Grant developments and funding application
- STAGE 4: Delivery, recruitment and data collection
- STAGE 5: Analysing and interpreting research data
- STAGE 6: Dissemination and engagement
- STAGE 7: Implementing research findings
- STAGE 8: Evaluating Impact

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📅 April - June 2026   📍 North East Region

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This programme is open to people and organisations based in the **North East** and **North Cumbria**, as well as those from the **following organisations**:

- NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC)
- NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC)
- NIHR Innovation Observatory (IO)
- NIHR Research Support Service (RSS)
- NIHR Policy Research Unit (PRU)
- NIHR Research Delivery Network (RDN)
- NIHR HRC in Diagnostic & Technology Evaluation (HRC)

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- Research Staff
- Public Contributors
- PPIE Professionals
- Healthcare Professionals
- VCSE Sector Staff
- Local Authority Staff

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Programme: April – June 2026

Stage	Session	Session Info	Trainer(s)	Audience	Date & Time	Format	Spaces available
Stage 0	Confidence to do Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)	Practice discussing your research with PPI contributors in a safe, supportive session designed to build confidence and improve communication	Greta Brunskill, HRC & Hannah Murray, Newcastle Uni	Research staff	02/04/26 10:00 - 12:30	In person	20
Stage 2	Dealing with Difficult Situations While Facilitating PPI Groups	An interactive session using video-based forum theatre to explore challenges in PPI facilitation, fostering reflection, problem-solving, emotional awareness, and peer learning in a supportive environment	Dr Stan Papoulis, King's College London & Polly Kerr, Oxford Uni	Research staff & PPIE staff	21/04/26 9:30 - 12:00	Online	20
Research Inclusion	Working with Refugee Communities in Research: Context, Ethics, and Practice	Exploring equitable research with BAME communities through cultural intelligence, storytelling, tailored approaches, and effective data collection to capture lived experiences	Beauty Tshuma, TEWV & Dr Sarah Hunt, University of Leicester	All	23/04/26 13:00 - 15:00	Online	30
Stage 6	Dissemination of Research Outputs by Engagement	Training to help researchers share findings effectively, engage audiences, apply collaborative strategies, and maximise the reach, relevance, and impact of their work	Dr Luisa Wakeling, Newcastle University	Research staff & PPIE staff	29/04/26 14:00 - 15:30	In person	30

Stage	Session	Session Info	Trainer(s)	Audience	Date & Time	Format	Spaces available
Stage 6	Tips for Developing Communications to Recruit Public and Community Research Participants	Training to support researchers in engaging patients and the public by using effective, targeted communication strategies to reach, interest, and involve key participant groups	Nicola Weatherburn, NIHR ARC & Chris Lloyd	Research staff	06/05/26 14:00 - 15:00	Online	30
Research Inclusion	How to Work Effectively with Interpreters and Translators	In this two-hour workshop, you will learn how to book qualified interpreters, communicate in a way which makes accurate interpreting easier and recognise signs of unsafe and unethical interpreting	Marta Leigh, English Unlocked	Research staff & PPIE staff	07/05/26 13:00 - 15:00	Online	20
Stage 0	Introduction to PPIE for Research Staff	We will explore different PPIE activities and their impact, barriers and enablers that exist, and provide examples of PPIE in action	Dan Duhrin, RDN NIHR	Research staff	20/05/26 10:00 - 12:00	In person - Cumbria	20
Research Inclusion	How to Speak Simply to Leaners of English	Learn how to modify your speech so that clients who speak English as a foreign language find you easier to understand, but without sounding patronising	Shelley Purchon, English Unlocked	Research staff & PPIE staff	26/05/26 10:00 - 12:00	In person	20

Stage	Session	Session Info	Trainer(s)	Audience	Date & Time	Format	Spaces available
Research Inclusion	Health Inequalities Training	Training to introduce health inequalities, their causes and intersections, impacts on communities, and community-centred approaches, with reflection on addressing inequalities in practice	Stella Chu, Connected Voice	All	03/06/26 13:00 - 16:00	In person	15
Research Inclusion	What is the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector (VCSE)?	Training to explain the VCSE sector, its organisations, connections, governance, funding, and guidance, helping partners explore opportunities for effective future collaboration	Francsesca Morland, VONNE	All	09/06/26 10:00 - 12:00	Online	30
Stage 8	Evaluating the Impact of PPIE	Training to help researchers evaluate PPIE impact, use simple tools, reflect on learning, and apply insights to strengthen inclusive, effective future research	Nefeli Karataraki, Lucy Moorcraft, & Michal Chantkowski	All	17/06/26 10:00 - 12:00	In person	30

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