

Working in partnership to improve interventions for the most vulnerable

We talked to Dr Kate Brown, the University of York's deputy director of the ESRC Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre and a *Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Criminal Justice* based in the School for Business and Society. The Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre is a £10m Centre, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for five years (2022–27), which aims to reshape how the police and other organisations work together in order to reduce harm among vulnerable people in society.



The Centre has an ambitious programme exploring a wide range of challenging issues such as exploitation by county lines drug networks, online child sexual victimisation, domestic abuse, modern slavery, and the policing of mental illness and homelessness.

Listening to the perspectives of multiple organisations and vulnerable groups is a key part of the Centre's vision. This is especially important given how the remits of the police and partner organisations intersect in complicated ways when it comes to policing vulnerability.

The Centre's wide-ranging research is built on effective collaborations with police and organisations such as local authorities, charities and

non-governmental organisations. The Centre has nearly 40 local, national and international partners from different sectors and an interdisciplinary group of leading researchers from across the world. These relationships are key to knowledge exchange with several partners helping to direct the research on the ground whilst others sit on the Centre's *National Engagement Group*, providing insights into the world of policy and opportunities for collaboration.

Another way the Centre hopes to engage with practitioners is through its Translational Fellowships scheme launching this year. The scheme will enable practitioners, policymakers and policy influencers from public and third sector organisations to

undertake research projects that address vulnerability and policing problems or solutions in their work.

By working with a range of organisations, the Centre will obtain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges they face when responding to vulnerability and develop holistic approaches to address these challenges.

The Centre is always looking for further ways to collaborate in order to develop new, integrated approaches that drive positive change in the ways police and other services respond to vulnerability.

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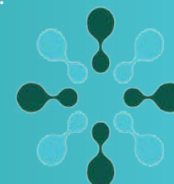
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StreetLife

The StreetLife Hub has established itself as a significant cultural and creative presence on Coney Street since opening in April 2022 as the central venue for the StreetLife project.

Professor Rachel Cowgill (School of Arts and Creative Technologies), Dr Kate Giles (Archaeology), and Professor Helen Smith (English and Related Literature) worked collaboratively with project partners (City of York Council, York Civic Trust, York Music Venue Network) and a team of researchers to use the histories of York's ancient high street, Coney Street, to think differently about its future.

The work has opened up the past to new audiences through community-led research to give a new shape and a new future to York's long and varied history of printing and design, its musical heritage, and the vibrancy of its streetscape.



The StreetLife Hub has hosted over 100 events and exhibitions, interacted with 137 businesses, connected with 51 voluntary sector

organisations and welcomes around 200 visitors each day

StreetLife began as a UK Community Renewal Fund (UKCRF) project and, since the scheme came to an end in December 2022, the University has committed to supporting legacy projects at the StreetLife Hub into the summer of 2023 to build upon this success. The Hub currently provides incubator space for The Common Room, a project to engage residents and visitors creatively and actively with place-making and planning processes and the York Centre for Print, an initiative to secure the future of traditional print techniques and celebrate York's history of print and design. It also continues to reconnect and engage with communities that have built up around music venues bringing innovative arts based research out into the streets.

Visit streetlifeyork.uk and watch this summary of the project by Ignite Creative for more information: <https://youtu.be/lif86Ty8q02E>



Get Involved with Environmental Sustainability at York

Founded in October 2021, *Environmental Sustainability at York (ESAY)* helps connect our environmental sustainability activities in teaching, research and campus operations to deliver wider benefits and create a bigger impact within and beyond the University, by facilitating the discovery, sharing and co-creation of knowledge and expertise.

Our innovative approach brings together all three faculties to address environmental challenges locally, regionally and globally.

Through creating and leading collaborative activities, networking or providing resource support, *ESAY* aims to maximise our environmental sustainability impact with internal and external partners by working collectively rather than within individual parts of the University.

One example is *York Living Labs (YLLs)*, which brings together the University community to work on sustainability problems on campus, and use the campus as a test-bed for sustainability solutions which have wider impact around key focus areas such as biodiversity, food or travel.

Other *ESAY* initiatives include:

1. *Sustainability Clinic*: helping external organisations and businesses achieve their environmental sustainability goals while also providing students with real-life experience
2. The *Student Sustainability Opportunities Hub*
3. Research into teaching: linking research projects into academic courses
4. Translating research into practice: supporting researchers get their work into policy and help make a difference

If you'd like to find out more about *ESAY*'s latest projects and get involved, follow their [LinkedIn page](#) or email esay@york.ac.uk

Webpage: <https://features.york.ac.uk/environmental-sustainability/>



Creative Collaborations: A Place and Community Event

New date – 24 April 2023

Creative Collaborations: A Place and Community Event, presented by the Humanities Research Centre, will be held on **Monday 24 April** between 10.30am and 2.00pm in the Treehouse, Berrick Saul Building, BS/104. The event will explore how academics work with individual creative practitioners to enhance their research and develop lasting

and equitable collaborations in the creative sector beyond the academy.

The event will showcase inspiring examples of good practice, including insights from academics and creative practitioners who have participated in collaborative activities at the University of York and beyond, as a means of sharing knowledge and highlighting the potential of this work. Aimed at an audience of University of York researchers, it

seeks to inspire and empower them to incorporate creative approaches in their methodologies and develop new collaborations with practitioners.

A detailed agenda for the day and registration is [available via Eventbrite](#).

We very much hope that we will be able to welcome you to Creative Collaborations on 24 April! If you have any queries about the day please get in touch with Impact Administrator for the HRC, Joel Baker.