

## The York Policy Academy 2023-2024



### Agendas

**Introductory Session**

**Wednesday 6th December 2023 12.30-15.30**

The introductory session will be led by staff from The York Policy Engine. It will provide an overview of the programme, a chance to meet fellow participants and to develop the objectives of the programme.

Indicative Time	Content
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>

13.00-13.20	<b>Welcome to the Policy Academy + overview of activity</b>
13.20-14.20	<b>Meet the cohort</b>
14.20-14.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
14.30-14.40	<b>The role of policy engagement in the University's strategy</b>
14.40-15.15	<b>Exploring your objectives, specific goals, specific challenges</b>
15.15-15.30	<b>Closing reflections</b>

**Understanding the policy environment in different settings: unpacking experiences of policy engagement**

**Wednesday 10th January 2024 12.30-15.30**

Our first formal session will feature presentations from a range of University of York colleagues engaged in high profile policy engagement activity, highlighting varied examples of policy facing activity and providing an opportunity to discuss and debate different approaches to policy engagement in practice.

Time	Content
12.30-12.45pm	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>
12.45-1.00pm	Introduction by Mike Baker and Anthonia James The York Policy Engine (TYPE)
1.00pm - 1.20pm	<a href="#"><u>Professor Joe Tomlinson</u></a> Professor of Public Law, Director of the Administrative Fairness Lab, Law School <i>Three Rules of Legal and Policy Engagement</i>
1.20 - 1.40pm	<a href="#"><u>Dr Belinda Morris</u></a> Operations Director of FixOurFood, School for Business and Society <i>Understanding the policy environment in different settings: unpacking experiences of policy engagement</i>
1.40 - 2.00pm	<a href="#"><u>Dr Chris Wilkinson</u></a> Senior Lecturer in Cardiology, Hull York Medical School <i>Defibrillator Access</i>

2.00 - 2.20pm	<a href="#"><u>Professor Kate Pickett</u></a> Professor of Epidemiology, Deputy Director of the Centre for Future Health and Associate Director of the Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity. Department of Health Sciences <i>The Spirit Level: a case study of the public dissemination of research</i>
2.20 - 2.30pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
2.30-3.00pm	<b>Round Table Panel Discussion</b>
3.00 - 3.20pm	<a href="#"><u>Dr Chris Hewson</u></a> Faculty Research Impact Manager (Social Sciences), University of York & Co-Chair, Universities Policy Engagement Network <i>UPEN (University Policy Engagement Network)</i>
3.20 - 3.30pm	<b>Closing</b>
<p><b>Research to policy journey and communicating research to policy audiences</b>  <b>Wednesday 7th February 2024 12.30-15.30</b>          Colleagues with specialist knowledge brokerage roles from government and the third sector will join us for this session to explore different approaches to communicating research to policy audiences.</p>	
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12.30-12.45pm	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>
12.45-12.50pm	<b>Introduction by Chair</b>
12.50pm - 1.30pm	<b>Hannah Davies</b> Deputy Chief Executive Office, Northern Health Science Alliance (NHS) <i>Collaborating with universities for policy impact</i>
1.30-2pm	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking</b>
2-3.10pm	<b>The Open Innovation Team (OIT) - Dan Khan and Ben Taylor</b> Senior Advisors <i>Communicating to policymakers - Interactive Workshop, including Q&amp;A</i>
3.10 - 3.30pm	<b>Closing</b>

**Inner workings of civil service and UK central government and parliament**

**Wednesday 13th March 2024 12.30-15.30**

A Director General level civil servant will guide us through the workings of the UK central government and the role universities can play in working with the policy profession at central government level.

Approximate Duration	Content
12.30-12.40pm	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>
12.40-2.25pm	<p>The following attendees from the Darlington Economic Campus will lead a session on <i>The Civil Service, Parliament and policy making from the inside</i>:</p> <p><b>Matthew Taylor</b> Director of Darlington Leadership Team, HM Treasury</p> <p><b>Zak Anderson-Watt</b> Chief and Staff and Head of Strategic Projects, Department for Business and Trade</p> <p><b>Millie Bardsley</b> Head of Office for Director General, Department for Business and Trade</p> <p><b>Emily Dawson</b> Parliamentary Clerk, Department for Business and Trade</p> <p><b>Lucy Mullins</b> Deputy Parliamentary Clerk, Department for Business and Trade</p> <p><b>Alice Barker</b> Senior Policy Advisor, Governance Reform and Democracy Uni, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.</p>
2.25-2.25pm	<b>Comfort Break</b>
2.25-3.20pm	<p><b>Laura Outhart</b> Parliamentary Assistant, Rachael Maskell MP for York <i>Engaging with MP's.</i></p>
3.20-3.30pm	<b>Q&amp;A and Closing</b>

**UK policy outside of Westminster: devolved and local government**

**Wednesday 17th April 2024 12.30-15.30**

A senior civil servant from the Scottish government, along with external colleagues connected to the Yorkshire and Humber Policy Engagement Network (Y-PERN) that brings together all local authorities and universities in the Yorkshire region, will guide us through

the workings of devolved and local government and the role universities can play in working with the policy profession at these levels.

Approximate Timings	Content
12.30-12.40pm	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>
12.40-2pm	<b>John-Paul Marks</b> Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government. <i>A guided Q&amp;A facilitated by the Chair</i>
2-2.20pm	<b>Comfort Break</b>
2.20-3.20pm	<b>Kayleigh Renberg-Fawcett</b> Senior Programme Manager Yorkshire & Humber Policy Engagement & Research Network ( <a href="#">Y-PERN</a> ) <i>Devolved &amp; regional academic policy engagement in England: Learnings &amp; opportunities</i>
3.20-3.30pm	<b>Q&amp;A, Final Reflections</b>

**Understanding the role of think tanks & campaigning organisations**

**Wednesday 8th May 2024 12.30-15.30**

Colleagues from high profile campaigning and think tank organisations will guide us through the role their organisations play in policy making and the role universities can play in working with them.

Approximate Timings	Content
12.30-12.40pm	<b>Refreshments &amp; Settling-In</b>
12.40-1.40pm	<b>Darren Baxter</b> Principal Policy Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)
1.40-2pm	<b>Comfort Break</b>
2-3pm	<b>Dominic Richardson</b> Managing Director, Learning for Well-being Institute <b>David B. Harris</b> President of Children's Research and Education Institute <i>From Evidence to Action: when INGOs and universities collaborate for policy change</i>

3-3.30pm

**Q&A, Final Reflections**

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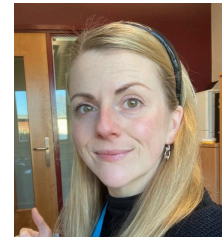
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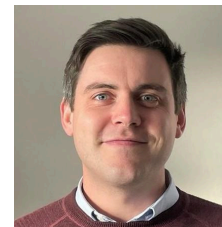
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