



The York Policy Academy Programme 2024-2025



Agendas

Session 1: Introductory Session

Wednesday 20th November 2024 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 - 12.45pm	Refreshments & Settling-In
12.45 - 13.05pm	Welcome to the Policy Academy and overview of activity
13.05 - 14.05pm	Meet the cohort
14:05 - 14.20pm	Coffee break
14:20 - 14:35pm	Professor Kiran Trehan

	Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise, Partnerships and Engagement <i>The role of policy engagement in the University's strategy</i>
14:35 - 15:15pm	Meet the Cohort Exploring your objectives, specific goals, specific challenges
15.15 - 15.30pm	Closing reflections
<p>Session 2: Understanding the policy environment in different settings: unpacking experiences of policy engagement Wednesday 8th January 2025 12.30-15.30 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>	
Timings	Content
12.30 - 12.45pm	Refreshments & Settling-In
12.45-1.30pm	Professor Joe Tomlinson Professor of Public Law, Director of the Administrative Fairness Lab, Law School <i>Reflections on what works (and what doesn't) in research/policy engagement</i>
1.30-2.00pm	Dr Belinda Morris Operations Director of FixOurFood, School for Business and Society <i>Understanding the policy environment in different settings: unpacking experiences of policy engagement</i>
2 - 2.15pm	Coffee Break
2.15-2.45pm	Dr Chris Wilkinson Senior Lecturer in Cardiology, Hull York Medical School <i>Defibrillator Access</i>
2.45-3.20pm	Round Table Panel Discussion
3.20 - 3.30pm	Closing
<p>Session 3: Inner workings of civil service and UK central government and parliament Monday 10th March 2025 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.</p>	
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12.30-12.45pm	Refreshments & Settling-In
12.45 - 1.45pm	Conrad Bailey CBE

	Director General Public Transport and Local Group at the Department for Transport (DfT) <i>A guided Q&A facilitated by the Chair</i>
2 - 2.15pm	Coffee Break
2 - 3.20pm	The following attendees from the Darlington Economic Campus will lead a session on <i>The Civil Service and policy making from the inside</i> : Zak Anderson-Watt Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Projects, Department for Business and Trade Dr Sara Gracey Head of Engagement for the Darlington Economic Campus Michelle Warbis Deputy Director, Local Tax and Pensions, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3.20 - 3.30pm	Closing Remarks
<p>Session 4: Engaging with policy across different levels of governance: From Westminster to local and devolved authorities</p> <p>Wednesday 9th April 2025 12.30-15.30</p> <p>An MP will guide us on engaging with Parliament at a local level. They will be joined by external colleagues from the Yorkshire and Humber Policy Engagement Network (Y-PERN), which connects local authorities and universities in the Yorkshire region. Together, they will discuss the workings of devolved and local government and the role universities can play in collaborating with the policy profession at these levels.</p>	
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12.30-12.45pm	Refreshments & Settling-In
12.45-1.45pm	Rachael Maskell Member of Parliament for York Central <i>How to engage with the office of an MP</i>
1.45-2.00pm	Coffee Break
2.00-2.45pm	Paul Hayes Senior Policy Fellow, University of Leeds <i>Working with regional and local government in England with Q&A</i>
2.45-3.20pm	Dr Andy Mycock Chief Policy Fellow, Yorkshire Policy Engagement Network (Y-PERN) <i>Multi-level government and Policy Engagement</i>
3.20-3.30pm	Closing and final remarks
<p>Session 5: Understanding the role of think tanks and national and international campaigning organisations</p>	

Wednesday 7th May 2025 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.

Approx Time	Content
12.30-12.45pm	Refreshments & Settling-In
12.45-1.55pm	Andy Bell Chief Executive, Centre for Mental Health <i>Making mental health policy in England: Research, evidence and influencing</i>
1.55-2.10pm	Coffee Break
2.10-3.20pm	Peter Matejic Chief Analyst, Joseph Rowntree Foundation <i>How JRF supports the move to a more equitable and just future, free from poverty</i>
3.20-3.30pm	Closing and final remarks

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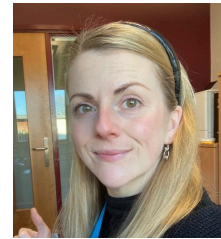
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