

Research Impact Statement

Since the foundation of the University, York researchers have conducted research with integrity and independence to influence the world beyond academia, benefiting the health, prosperity and well-being of people and society. York is acknowledged as a leading University in the translation of research into real-world outcomes. **Achieving impact from our research is, and will remain, a fundamental objective of our institution.**

Our primary research themes encompass Creativity, Culture and Communication, Environmental Sustainability and Resilience, Health and Wellbeing, Justice and Equality, Risk, Evidence and Decision Making, and Technologies for the Future. These provide the foundation by which we deliver benefit to society.

Ensuring that our knowledge makes a difference means working with those in a position to guide and use our research to change practice. **We will, therefore, take steps in all academic areas to build mutually beneficial and enduring partnerships which achieve positive outcomes.** By doing this, we contribute to making the world a better place and we give value back to those who fund us.

The reach of our impact is global and our interpretation of impact is broad; we have succeeded when the knowledge generated by our research contributes to, benefits and influences society, culture, our environment and the economy. We value the process as well as the outcome, since working with partners who use the new knowledge we create informs our research directions and methods.

Policy Impact

Working with those responsible for delivering public services, York has a long history of providing the evidence base for decision making and resource management in health, education and social services. Our contributions to social policy, environmental management and heritage conservation have been widely influential. Adoption of our research results by policy makers is one of the most important contributions York makes to culture and society. **We will maintain and improve our excellent working relationships with policy makers, service providers, and their public sector funders.**

Cultural Impact

Research from across the University, but especially from within the arts and humanities, informs creative practice and contributes to activities in cultural institutions including national heritage sites and agencies, museums and galleries, theatres, media producers, libraries and archives. Our research contributes to the curation, performance, interpretation and enjoyment of cultural activities, bringing a new depth of meaning to current and past events. Through our exploration of religion, heritage and the past, our research brings new perspective to current events.

With our partners in cultural institutions, media channels, and the broader creative economy we will inspire and inform the widest possible audiences.

Social Impact

York researchers address significant social challenges including issues of limited resources and sustainability, health, poverty, inequality and conflict in societies. Our research into justice and equality, human rights, post-war reconstruction and historical and modern day slavery has been influential. Through international collaborations on climate change and fusion power, we have contributed to actions for a sustainable future. **We will build relationships with stakeholders to inform our research and provide avenues to create positive change in the world around us.**

Economic Impact

York seeks to have a positive impact on the economy through the development of new products and services that improve productivity, efficiency, resilience and sustainability. York has substantial experience in development of future technologies including green chemistry, industrial biotechnology, computer gaming, functional materials and medical diagnostics, and has a strong pipeline of research with commercial value. **Building and developing partnerships with business and industry, we will seek out opportunities to provide solutions to the challenges faced by the private sector.**

Environmental Impact

Research from across the University seeks to have a beneficial impact on all aspects of environment and environmental policy. York has a track record in providing the evidence base for environmental policymakers nationally and globally, and is committed to continuing research that will improve the sustainability and resilience of our environment in a wide range of contexts. **We will continue to work with policy makers and others to seek long-term solutions to the challenges that threaten the future of our global environment.**

Regional Impact

Our University is proud to be an international institution, but it is also deeply embedded in the City of York; a Science and Media Arts City looking to the future and a Heritage City with deep roots in the past. As one of the most important sources of innovation and research capability in our region, we will particularly seek to improve outcomes for York, the wider region, and the north of England. We share values with the community of which we are a part, and can offer specific expertise to develop new economic activity around us. **We will partner with our City, regional authorities and local businesses to grow the economy of our region and we will enrich the life of our community by taking all opportunities to invite its involvement and participation.**