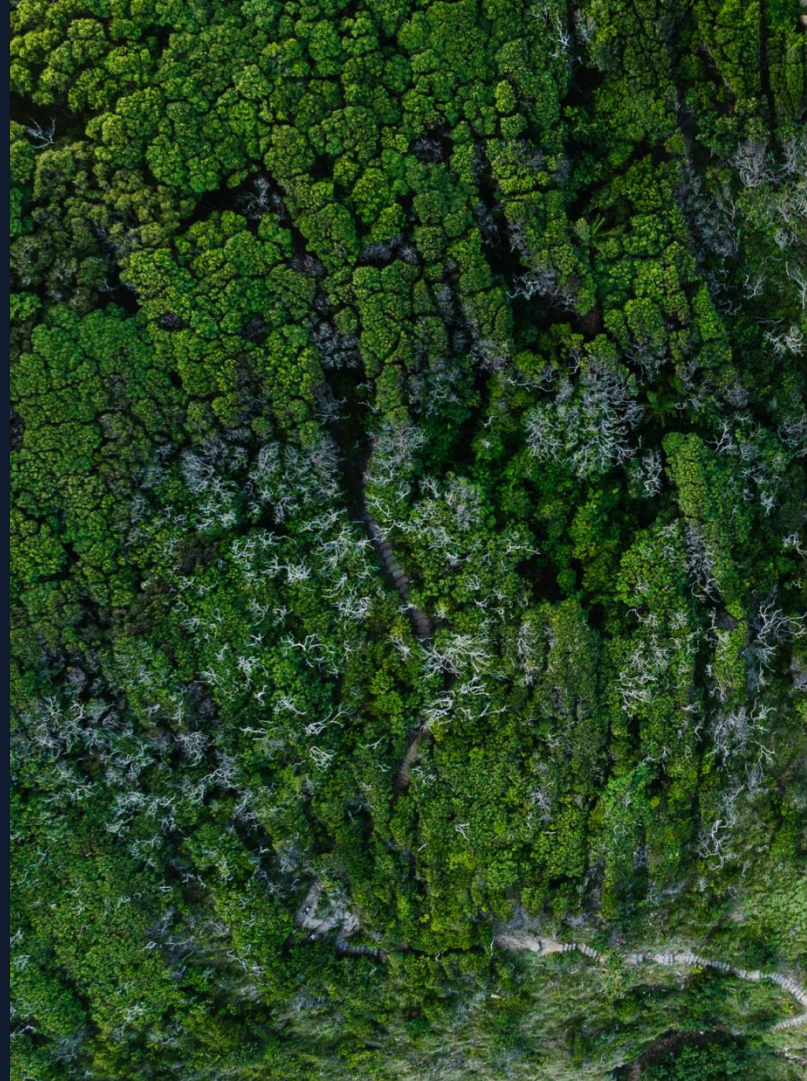


Strengthening University– Government Collaboration

*Dr Andy Mycock (UPEN, University of
of Leeds), ANZSOG Fellow*



Agenda

	Item	Who
2:00–2:10 pm	Welcome and opening remarks	Joshua Newman
2:10–2:50 pm	Lecture	Andrew Mycock
2:50–3:20 pm	Discussion and audience Q&A	Moderate by Joshua Newman
3:20–3:30 pm	Closing remarks	Elise Grosser

Dr Andy Mycock

Chief Policy Fellow

Organisation

The University of Leeds | Leeds University Business School | Yorkshire and Humber Policy Engagement and Research Network | Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)

Country

United Kingdom

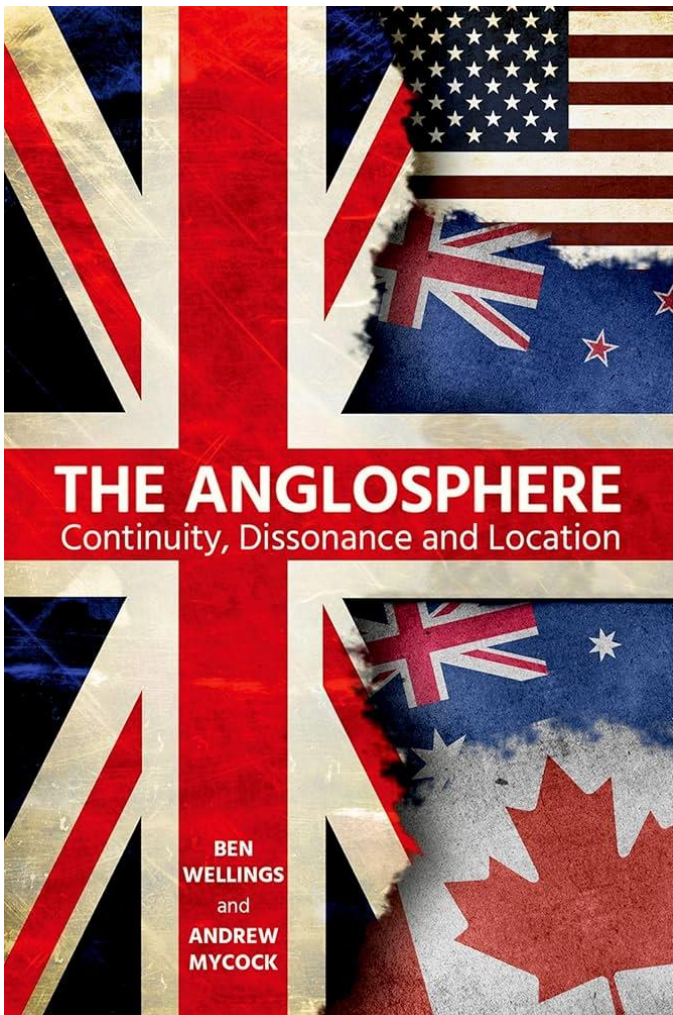


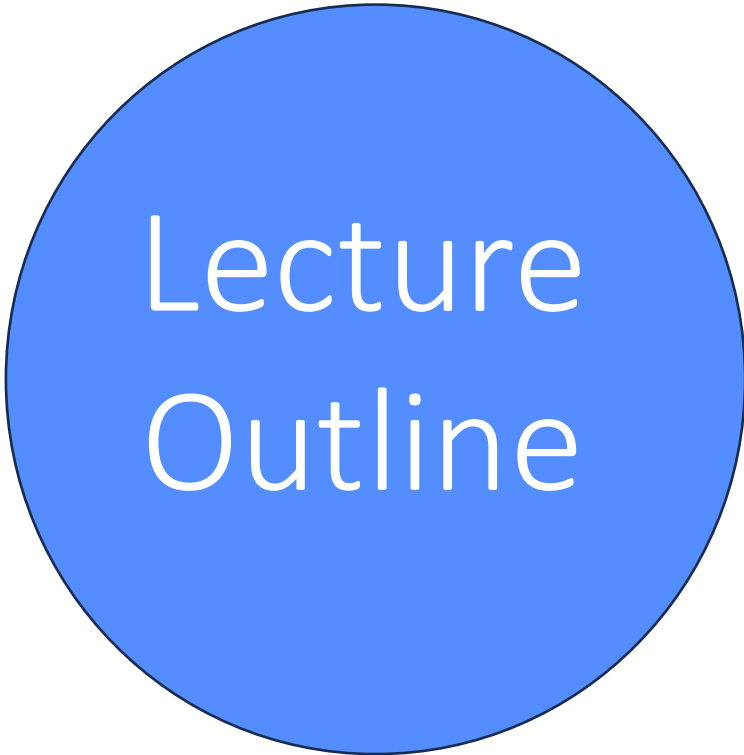
UPEN Programme (2025-28)

£5.9 million investment to:

- Enhance connections between academic research and public policymaking.
- Elevate academic-policy engagement capacity and capability.
- Catalyse innovation and deliver system change.





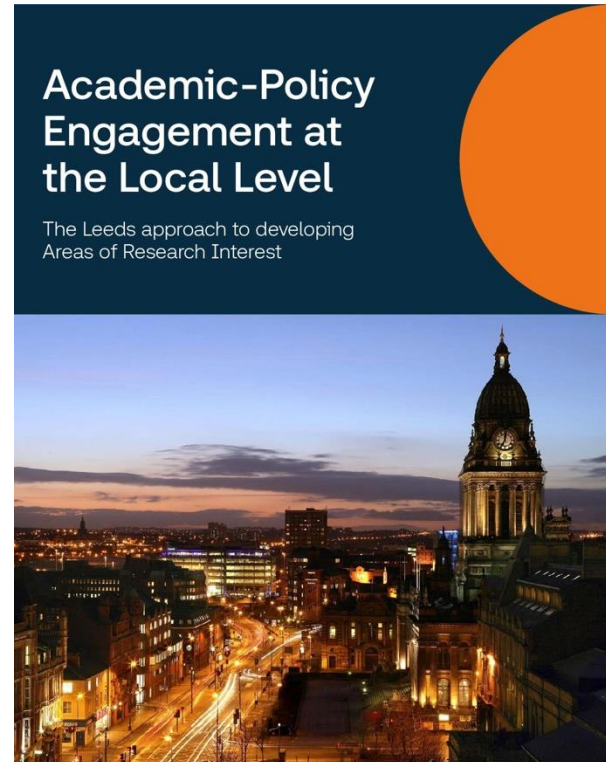


Lecture Outline

- Context: Understanding the Drivers for Change
- Three areas for consideration
 - *Infrastructure*
 - *Intermediaries*
 - *Incentives*
- The Fourth I: *Impact (and value)*
- Next Steps for Australia?

What is Academic-Policy Engagement?

- An umbrella term describing the many ways that researchers and policymakers connect and explore common interests at various stages in their respective research and policymaking processes.
- From informal enquiries to formal inquiries, in consultation or sustained collaboration, policy engagement enables researchers and policymakers to improve public policy through making the most of academic evidence, expertise and experience.”



Drivers of Knowledge Exchange: Public Service and Constitutional Reforms



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Drivers of Knowledge Exchange: 'Joined-up' government and multi-level policymaking



Other Drivers within Government



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Press release

New controls across government to curb consultancy spend and save over £1.2 billion by 2026

New controls on the use of consultancies across government are being brought in to cut unnecessary spending and save £1.2 billion by 2026, as set out in the Autumn Statement – with departments already expected to save the £550 million committed to this financial year.

From: [Cabinet Office](#), [Crown Commercial Service](#) and [Georgia Gould OBE MP](#)

Published 14 November 2024

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Jacqui Smith: UK universities must prove local value

The UK minister for skills, Baroness Jacqui Smith, has reiterated the government's support for international education, while urging universities to do more to combat public scepticism of higher education.



by Polly Nash

May 8 2026 

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The Changing Research, Teaching, and Knowledge Exchange landscape in UK Higher Education

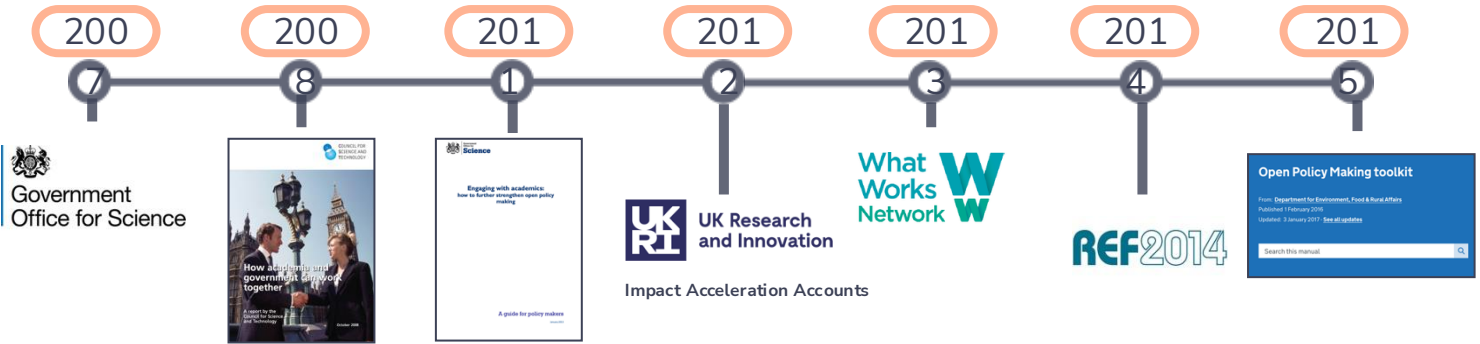
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Research Excellence Framework



Teaching Excellence Framework

A Rapidly Evolving Knowledge Ecosystem





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Expectations and Responses -

Statement of Expectations
March 2026

Statement of Expectations March 2026

The ARC Board's Letter of Intent will be published shortly.

[Original signed PDF copy also available.](#)



The Hon Jason Clare MP
Minister for Education

Reference: MS25-000419

I am writing to outline my expectations for the Australian Research Council (ARC). I expect the ARC to support research that benefits all Australians through supporting Australian universities to deliver excellent research, for Australia's economic, social, environmental and cultural benefit.





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Media Release | 13 May 2026

Universities encouraged to specialise

The Hon Jason Clare MP

Minister for Education

The Government will progress a recommendation of the Ambitious Australia Report for university research specialisation in this year's Federal Budget.

Specialisation could be aligned with national priorities and how universities can best meet community needs.

Ambitious Australia

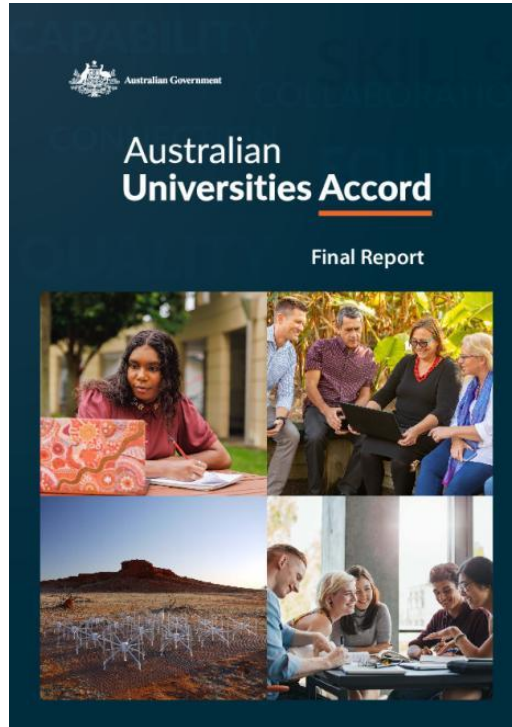
Strategic Examination of R&D

Final report

December 2025

| industry.gov.au/StrategicR&D

- Priorities and Impact
- Connected research funding ecosystem
- University research specialisation
- Secure and coordinated research infrastructure
- Incentivisation and reward



Evaluating research

A New Approach to Research Evaluation

Informing Research Insights Capability

Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) +

Engagement and Impact (EI) +

RMS-HERDC Login +

Informing Research Insights Capability

The ARC undertook initial consultation on the proposed future direction for research evaluation in Australia, the development of a Research Insights Capability.

The consultation commenced in July 2025 and concluded in November 2025. During this time the ARC held more than 50 consultation sessions and received over 30 written submissions.

Consultation questions

- What is the value of research evaluation to you?
- What are the questions about the research sector would you like a Research Insights Capability to answer?
- Do you see value in the outputs of the proposed Research Insights Capability?
- Do you have data that could be shared with the ARC, or are you aware of a data asset,

Impact Assessment of ARC-Funded Research



\$1 invested generates \$3.32



Infrastructure

- Hard and soft architecture supporting sustained cross-sector collaboration and activity
 - Institutions
 - Networks
 - Data platforms
 - Systems and Processes

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Where can research make a difference?

Search, browse or analyse [Areas of Research Interest \(ARIs\)](#) from UK governmental bodies, to see how your research could help solve problems and inform government policy. Explore the [topic background](#), similar [research interests](#) and potentially relevant UKRI funded research.

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Chief Scientific Advisers

Most government departments have a Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to provide scientific advice.

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Departmental CSAs work together under the leadership of the [Government Chief Scientific Adviser](#) to support each other and to resolve cross departmental problems.

They do this primarily through the CSA network.

DCMS College of Experts

The DCMS College of Experts is made up of 58 external experts from across academia and industry that can be called up dynamically to bring external expertise into all aspects of the department's policy work. It is important that DCMS draws upon the highest quality research and evidence to ensure its policies are robust and sustainable. The College of Experts supplements any existing relationships that teams have established with experts and offers a diverse breadth of scientific and technical knowledge that DCMS colleagues can draw upon.



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Prevention: The “urgent” topic of the last decade

📅 March 25, 2026



What’s Changing in Scotland’s National Performance Framework and Why It Matters

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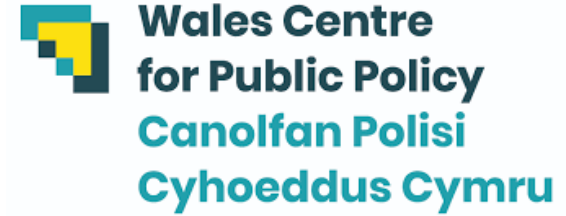


Knowledge Exchange

[Current Academic Fellows >](#)

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UK National Knowledge Networks and Initiatives



Regional Knowledge Networks (England)





Yorkshire & Humber Policy Engagement and Research Network (formed 2021)

Initial funding through Research England Development Fund (2022-25)

A consortium collaborating to improve place-based policy of:

- 12 universities
- 15 Local Authorities
- 4 Combined Authorities (Regional Government)

11 Policy Fellows



Formalising Collaboration and Partnerships

Representative membership and advocacy networks (such as UPEN and Yorkshire Universities) can build multi-institutional networks between universities

- Competition can exist with collaboration

Memorandums of Understanding, compacts and other formal agreements can build strategic partnerships with policymakers

- Establish shared mission, objectives and value
- Identify key areas of collaboration
- Agile and adaptable to changing priorities

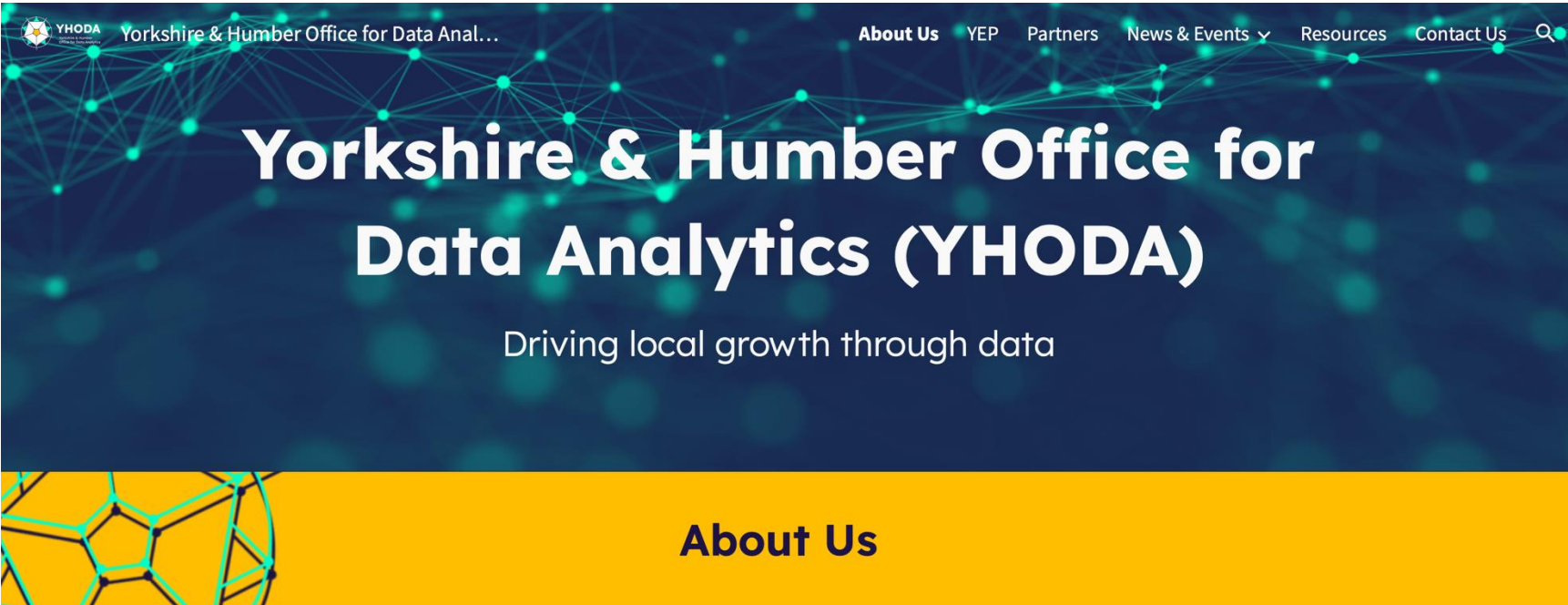


Yorkshire and Humber Councils Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Yorkshire Universities

1. Introduction

The purpose of this MOU is to underpin a long-term, strategic partnership between Yorkshire and Humber Councils (YHC) and Yorkshire Universities (YU). In 2021, we agreed an initial MOU, and considerable progress has been made in the period since. This document represents an updated agreement.

Data Hubs provide common resources to facilitate collaboration



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Analytics (YHODA). The background is a dark blue network of glowing green nodes and lines. At the top left is the YHODA logo and the text 'Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Anal...'. At the top right is a navigation menu with links for 'About Us', 'YEP', 'Partners', 'News & Events' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Resources', and 'Contact Us', followed by a search icon. The main heading is 'Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Analytics (YHODA)' in large white text, with the tagline 'Driving local growth through data' below it. A yellow horizontal bar at the bottom contains the text 'About Us' in bold black font. On the far left of this bar is a partial view of a yellow and green molecular structure.

YHODA Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Anal... About Us YEP Partners News & Events Resources Contact Us

Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Analytics (YHODA)

Driving local growth through data

About Us

The **Yorkshire & Humber Office for Data Analytics (YHODA)**, based at The University of Sheffield, supports data-driven decision-making through open-access data and analytics. We work with communities, businesses, and policymakers to promote data-based insights and solutions that drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth in the Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Knowledge Brokerage Capacity and Expertise

Knowledge Brokers embedded within university have enhanced:

- Institutional capacity and capabilities
- Internal institutional focus and mission
- Proactive intelligence gathering and communication
- Expertise of policy systems and partners
- Reliability and resilience to internal and external partners
- Innovation in practice and systems
- External connectivity and 'front door' to policymakers
- Networking with other university's knowledge brokers and across policymaking institutions



Informal and Formal Knowledge Networks

Multi-partner networks have considerable value in:

- Sharing knowledge and feedback in mutually supportive environments
- Establishing shared focus and goals
- Building trust and understanding
- Responding to emerging issues and challenges
- Enhancing institutional intelligence



Building Longitudinal Research Programmes with Policy partners



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We Are Born in Bradford

A world-leading research programme which aims to find out what keeps families healthy and happy by tracking the lives of over 60,000 Bradfordians.

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Establish Cross-University Research Partnerships



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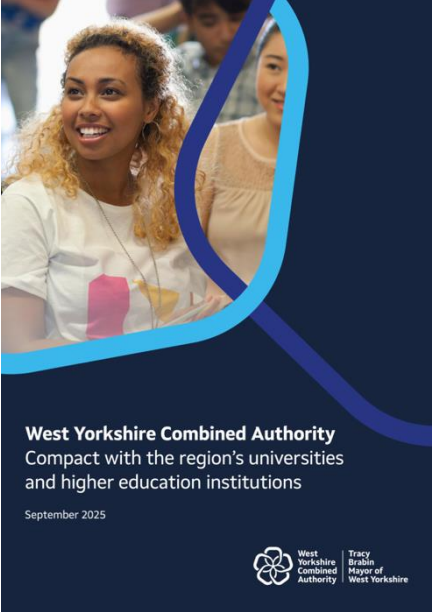
N8 Research Partnership

Delivering benefits to the economy and communities in the North of England and beyond



Shared Ambition. Collective Action.

Connecting Research and Knowledge Exchange Activities across Universities



West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Compact with the region's universities
and higher education institutions
September 2025

West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Tracy Bradin
Mayor of West Yorkshire

This cover features a photograph of two women smiling, with a blue and white graphic overlay on the right side.



The Civic Exchange

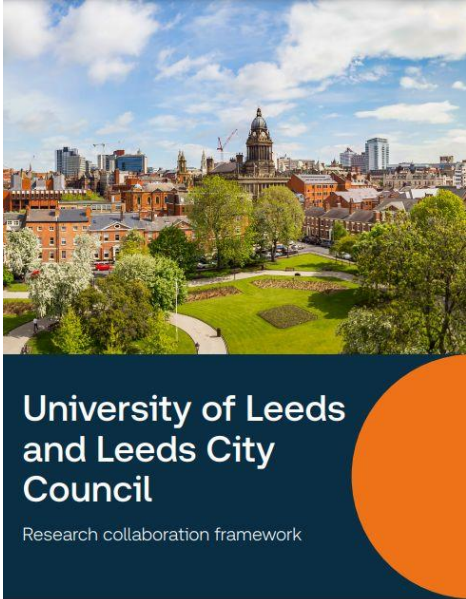
Local Commitment,
Lasting Impact

The graphic includes an illustration of a person's profile holding a globe, a wind turbine, and a gear, symbolizing civic engagement and sustainable development.



Policy Leeds

The logo consists of the words "Policy" and "Leeds" stacked vertically in a white, sans-serif font on a black square background.



University of Leeds
and Leeds City
Council
Research collaboration framework

This cover features a photograph of the University of Leeds campus with a large orange circle on the right side.



Leeds City Council: Areas of Research Interest

+ Health and Wellbeing

+ Inclusive Growth

+ Zero Carbon

+ Team Leads





Intermediaries

- Knowledge brokers
- Policy Fellows
- Institutional Intelligence
- Capacity and Capabilities



Policy fellows

Policy Fellowships provide the opportunity to tackle ambitious and challenging research, apply that research to pressing policy challenges and support the career development of academics in the process.

Embedding some of the UK's brightest researchers into the heart of government, fellows help inform and shape effective public policy and its implementation.

Fellows are seconded to a number of different UK government departments, devolved governments departments and [What Works Networks](#) (collectively referred to as hosts). Fellows spend the first three months of the fellowship co-designing their research plans to inform policy on a priority area linked to government priority areas



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Become an Insights Policy Fellow

The Insights Policy Fellowship (IF) connects policymakers, businesses, voluntary and community organisations, and public sector leaders with academia to address pressing societal challenges.

“IF you want impact, you need knowledge”

Through IF professionals from the public sector can access academic expertise, drawing on the knowledge, skills, and networks of Leeds University Business School (LUBS), the University of Leeds, and the wider Yorkshire research community to develop solutions to specific policy problems.

Leveraging a “network of networks” for impact across different scales

To maximise its effectiveness, IF works with the [Yorkshire and Humber Policy Engagement and Research Network](#) (Y-PERN) and the [Yorkshire Policy Innovation Partnership](#) (Y-PIP). These are both major initiatives funded by national research councils and led by LUBS. These are transforming collaboration between universities, policymakers, and wider society across the region. The projects are:

Building Institutional Intelligence



Cultures



Structures



Systems and
processes



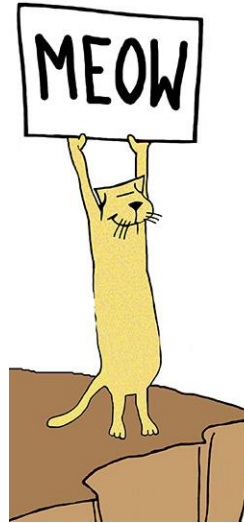
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Develop Academic and Knowledge Broker Skills and Capabilities



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Welcome to CAPE

Capabilities in Academic Policy Engagement (CAPE) was a knowledge exchange and research project that explored how to support effective and sustained engagement between academics and policy professionals across the higher education sector from 2020-2024.

CAPE was a partnership between UCL and the universities of Cambridge, Manchester, Northumbria and Nottingham, in collaboration with the Government Office for Science, the Parliamentary Office for Science & Technology, Nesta, and the Transforming Evidence Hub. CAPE was funded by Research England.

We believe that policy which is informed by evidence is stronger, more effective, and provides better value for public spending. By using research expertise we can make a positive difference to the UK economy, our wellbeing



Incentives

- Funding models and metrics
- Institutional recognition mechanisms

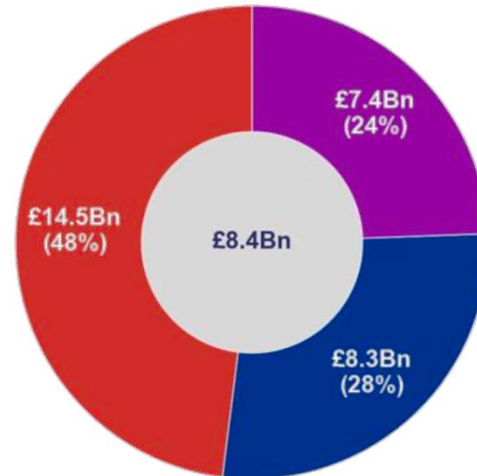
Clear Funder Focus on Government Focused Research and Engagement

New Strategic Framework

The new UKRI strategy will have curiosity-driven research at its heart.

UKRI will also:

- Have clear goals around advancing government priorities and supporting innovative companies
- Continue to invest in the enablers of research: talent, infrastructure, and our world-class centres & institutes
- Undertake significant internal reform to ensure that we operate as a world-class organisation – including improving our grants processes



- Curiosity-driven, foundational research
- Strategic government and societal priorities
- Helping innovative companies
- Enabling and strengthening UK R&D



Research England funds for research and knowledge exchange



Policy support fund

This funding supports universities in undertaking research with local, regional, national and international structures.

Eligible activity includes:

- new and extended research activity working in partnership with policymakers
- activity aimed at improving the dialogue and facilitating the use of existing research and the exchange of knowledge between universities and policymakers
- activity and training to better equip academics to communicate effectively with policymakers
- partnerships and collaborations aimed at supporting evidence-based policymaking
- the exchange of people, for example, staff secondments, contributing towards professional doctorates in policy, joint PhDs

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Guidance

Higher Education Innovation Funding policies and priorities 2025 to 2031

From: Research England

Published: 29 October 2025

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Higher Education Innovation Funding (HEIF) is designed to support and develop a broad range of knowledge-based interactions between higher education providers and the wider world, which results in economic and societal benefit to the UK.

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Funding opportunity

ESRC React Awards (pilot): outline

Opportunity status:	Open
Funders:	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
Funding type:	Grant
Total fund:	£1,500,000
Award range:	£50,000 - £100,000
Publication date:	7 April 2026

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Incentives for Academics: Leeds University Civic Fellows



The Fourth I: *Impact and value*

The Research Excellence Framework (REF 2029) will evaluate institutional research across three core assessment weightings:

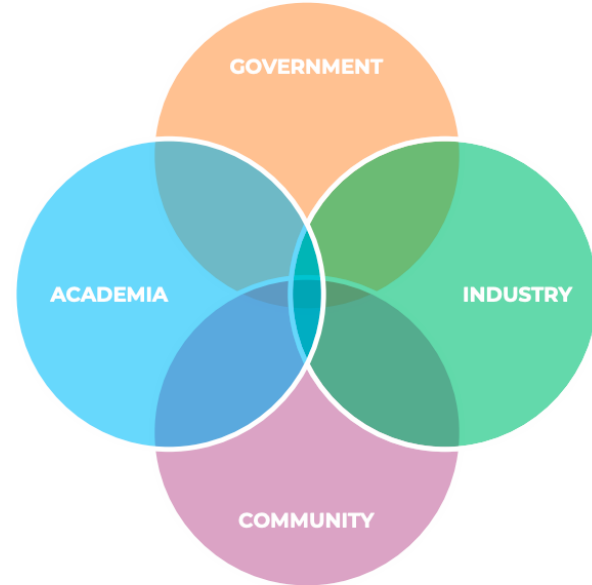
- **Contributions to Knowledge and Understanding (55%):** Assesses research outputs and contributions to the discipline.
- **Engagement and Impact (25%):** Assesses the wider economic and societal impact via case studies.
- **Strategy, People and Research Environment (20%):** Assesses the vitality and sustainability of the research environment and culture

REF 2029
Research Excellence Framework

Universities as Place-Based Civic Institutions



Civic University
Network



Connecting Policy and Community Engagement



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Yorkshire Policy Innovation Partnership (YPIP)

What is YPIP?

YPIP is a regional partnership working on new and better ways of sharing knowledge and making decisions to improve local lives and places in Yorkshire.

Find out what we're doing →



Latest Update

📅 23 Apr 2026

Reflections from Conversations with Community Panel Members



Australia's
Evolving
Knowledge
Exchange
Landscape

- Considerable amount of existing activity and infrastructure
 - Institutions, Networks, Fellowships, Data platforms etc
 - Absence of significant knowledge mobilisation capacity
 - Disconnected funding landscape
 - Limited drivers of activity or reward



CRAWFORD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY



Government Scientists Group

The Government Scientists Group (GSG) was established in 2021 by Dr Cathy Foley, Australia's Chief Scientist. It brings together chief scientists or equivalents from more than 30 Australian Government departments, agencies and regulators with a science capability.

The GSG aims to build awareness of shared contributions to the national science agenda and to coordinate across agencies for better impact. The agencies, regulators and departments represented in the GSG undertake significant scientific and regulatory work to address complex national challenges and support critical government operations.

The primary purposes of the GSG are to:

- increase accessibility to government science expertise
- promote cooperation and collaboration between member organisations.

The GSG maximises the impact of Australian Government funding into the organisations by sharing best practice, optimising the use of each other's expertise and removing duplication. It meets formally 4 times a year.



Researcher ▾

Paul maginn

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Honouring the contributions of Sir Roland Wilson and Dr Pat Turner AM, we bring together The Australian National University, Charles Darwin University and the Australian Public Service to build research-informed public policy capability and leadership through postgraduate scholarships, professional development and networking opportunities.

We provide scholarships that invest in research and development opportunities for public sector employees. Our scholars study in a range of fields, such as public administration, economic and social policy, data and cyber security,



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The Generations Follow-Up

For the first time ever, the Raine Study will collect data from both Generation 1 and 2 participants (the original Raine Study babies and their parents) at the same time. Update your contact details to take part.

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HILDA Survey

The *Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey* is a household-based panel study that collects valuable information about economic and personal well-being, labour market dynamics and family life.

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2026 HILDA Survey Research Conference

Tickets on sale

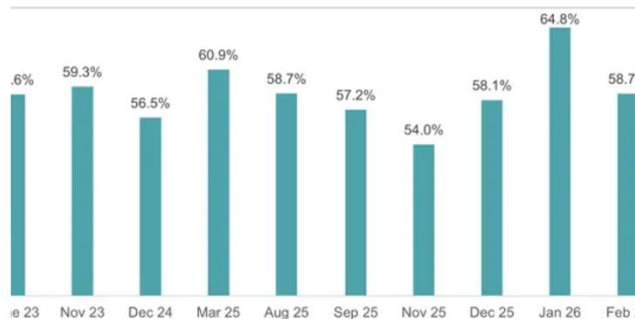
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National Security Foundations supports whole-of-system thinking for complex risks

The College recently concluded a program on strengthening national security foundations in a complex and changing security environment.

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1: Proportions of overall satisfaction over waves



Proportions show those who responded "satisfied" or "very satisfied" to "how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Australia?"

Tracking Australians' attitudes towards democracy: New analysis...

Democracy Data Update 1

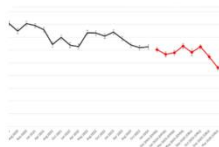
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Latest Top Discussions

Holding together, just: Latest ANU Poll finds Australians' democratic support intact but fragile as economic pressures mount

Democracy Data Update 2

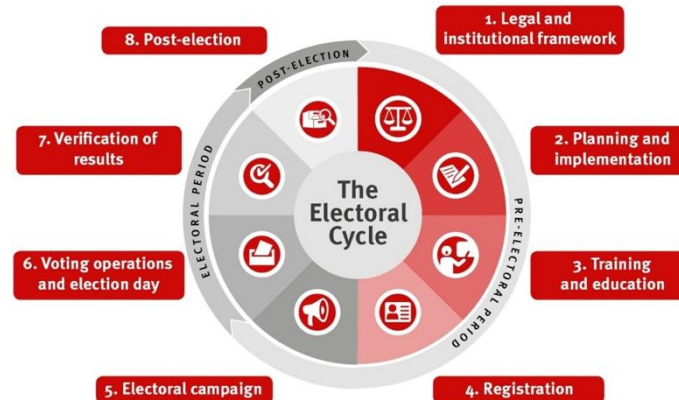
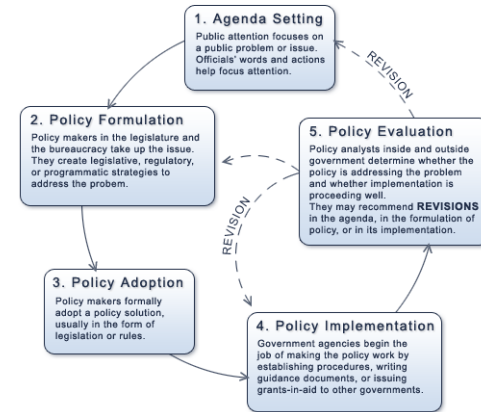
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Australian Resilient Democracy Network

The Australian Resilient Democracy Research and Data Network is a collaboration between Australian researchers, civil society leaders and government agencies. This page is a resource for members and non-members to keep up-to-date on activities.

Common Challenges: How to address tensions between research, policy and political cycles?



Next Steps in Australia - initial conclusions.....

- Ecology and ecosystem
 - How to establish oversight and coordination at institutional, state and national levels?
 - What is the Australian 'model' of university-government collaboration?
- Purpose (and limits)
 - What are the USPs of universities in this work? What should they focus on?
 - How to adopt an Australian 'Test, learn, and grow' approach to develop existing work?
- Resilience and durability
 - How to address current focus and certainty of diverse funding streams
 - How to address inequalities in capacity and capabilities across universities
- How to revise sector evaluation metrics?
- How to better incentivise and reward universities?
- How to better understand value to policy partners?

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