Newcastle University ESRC IAA Steering Group
Membership and Terms of Reference

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Internal Representatives

Dr Simon McKerrell - Associate Dean of Research and Innovation & Acting ESRC IAA Director (on behalf of Daniel Zizzo)
Professor Brian Walker – PVC, Research Strategy and Resources
Professor Richard Davies - PVC, Engagement and Internationalisation
Professor Mark Shucksmith - Director, Newcastle Institute of Social Renewal
Lorraine Smith - Research Funding Development Manager
Fiona McCusker - Business Development Manager
Kate Morris - Business Development Manager
Dr Angie Scott - Faculty Research Impact Officer
Lorna Taylor - Faculty Research Manager and secretary
Andrea Henderson - Engagement Manager
Dr Eve Forrest – ESRC IAA Officer
Clare Graham – Research & Impact Support Officer

ESRC IAA Impact champions (Newcastle Institute for Social Renewal, NISR)

Dr Suzanne Moffatt - NISR Theme Champion (Health and Inequality)
Professor Liz Tewdwr-Jones - Theme Champion (People, Place and Community)
Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones - NISR Theme Champion (Learning for Change) & Deputy Director NISR
Dr Fiona Whitehurst - NISR Theme Champion (Enterprise in Society)
Dr Helen Stringer – Speech and Language Sciences Impact Champion
Professor Rose Gilroy - School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Impact Champion
Dr Ruth Houghton - Newcastle Law School Impact Champion

External Representatives (Research Users)

Simon Hanson - Development Manager, Federation of Small Businesses
Philip Hunter - Senior Policy Specialist, Newcastle City Council
Lisa Goodwin (maternity leave) - Chief Executive, North Tyneside VODA
Michelle Rainbow - Skills for Business Manager, North East LEP
Richard Snell - Territory Ecosystem Representative, IBM
Dr Gerald Tompkins - Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Gateshead Council.
Kate Welch - Chief Executive, Social Enterprise Acumen CIC
Chris Zarraga - Director of Operations & Development, Schools North East

Terms of Reference

1. To support the aims of the Newcastle ESRC IAA, building on Newcastle University’s existing track record of engaged social sciences to bring about a substantial engagement in our capacity to contribute positively to society and the economy through:
• Enhancing the capacity of Newcastle staff and PGRs to undertake social science research which has beneficial impacts;
• Increasing the range, quality and impact of knowledge exchange with external partners;
• Enhancing Newcastle’s experience of and reputation in undertaking ‘excellent research with a purpose’;
• Enhancing our expertise and involvement in co-produced research;
• Enhancing our contribution to social renewal;
• Contributing to wealth creation, to the development of policy and professional practice and to civil society.

2. To oversee the operation of the Newcastle ESRC IAA, including the approval of funding calls and ratification of awards [NB funding allocation decisions will be made openly and transparently by a delegated sub-group of the Steering Group, the ESRC IAA Fund Awards Panel. This panel will meet 4-5 times (3 times for the Newcastle schemes and 1-2 times for NE scheme) per year, chaired by the IAA Director with research user and ESRC IAA impact champion representatives by rotation].

3. To provide input to the North East ESRC Impact Capacity-Building Programme which is an important vehicle for raising awareness of and interest in the impact agenda within Newcastle University’s community of social scientists and on other events designed to attract potential new partners to become involved in our impact-generating activities.

**Frequency of meetings:** Twice a year for Steering Group, with additional Newcastle and NE Fund Awards Panel dates for Autumn, Spring and Summer calls (please see below diagram and notes – external users and impact champions are selected by rotation, based on availability).