

PEALS Examples of Previous Partnership activity

PEALS has always been actively involved with clinical partners through our links with the Faculty of Medical Sciences at Newcastle. We have also worked with colleagues in our Science and Engineering Faculty, including the Centre for Rural Economy and the Institute of Nanotechnology. We were active in the establishment of the North of England Stem Cell Institute, a formal collaboration between Newcastle University and Durham University.

In 2013 we launched a film which addressed issues around disability and sport. We worked with colleagues in the Institute of Health and Society, a local community filmmaker Arpeggio films, local schools, and organisations of disabled young people.

The ESRC project 'Embodied Selves in Transition: Disabled Young Bodies' included a group of local disabled young people who form the research panel. They gave input to research design, analysis and dissemination. The project began in 2011.

The Centrefold project was a Wellcome Trust-funded animated film about labiaplasty. It involved film makers and clinicians. In 2011 Jackie Leach Scully was asked to advise on ethical aspects of recruitment and implementation.

The ESRC-funded project 'Faithful Judgements: The Role of Religion in Laypeople's Ethical Evaluations of New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies' was launched in 2011. It was a collaboration with colleagues at Durham University. We worked with local faith community and women's groups who give advice on access, recruitment and dissemination.

An important influence in our work was our participation in the Life Knowledge Park. This was one of the regional Genetics Knowledge Parks, funded by the Department of Health and the Department of Trade and Industry, between 2002 and 2007.

We have very strong links with local NHS departments and Trusts. They have participated in both research projects and PhD supervisions via ESRC Collaborative studentships. Some of the departments we have worked with and continue to do so include:

- the Newcastle Fertility Centre
- Haematology
- the Northern Genetics Service
- the Endocrinology Service
- the Craniofacial Department/Cleft Lip and Palate Team
- several Primary Care Trusts in the region

Several third sector organisations have been partners with us on a range of projects. These include:

- the Angelou Centre, and the United Black Youth Association based there
- Contact a Family North East
- Lisa Matthews and the Stemistry Writers
- MESMAC
- Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
- Special Needs Network.

Nationally we have also worked on several occasions with the British Council, including the co-organisation of two of our annual symposia.