

Work with MAGPIE

Need help from members of the public for your research? Find out about how we can help.

MAGPIE stands for Modelling Advisory Group Public Involvement and Engagement. We are a group of members of the public from all sorts of backgrounds with a wide range of skills and experiences. What we have in common is a passion for public involvement in science and research, and are available to help researchers in the field of biomedical science in their work.

The group's work is facilitated by Silvia Bortoli, Communities Engagement Manager.

"One of my roles as a MAGPIE member is to challenge researchers to think about how they will engage with the public and, more specifically, how they will engage with people with lived experience of illness to ensure their concerns are a priority"

MAGPIE member

"Talking to 'experts with lived experience' can help us tailor our research projects in a direction that will likely benefit them the most. In other words, it's not just about bringing research to the public, but also about bringing the public's priorities to research"

Researcher



We support research by:

- Working with researchers to develop appropriate public involvement and engagement opportunities for their research projects
- Providing a fresh perspective and encourage researchers to think about the societal problems their research is addressing
- Commenting on language used in public facing communications, and ensure that plain English is used where necessary
- Acting as steering group members for the Translational Research Exchange @ Exeter and the Centre for Predictive Modelling in Healthcare
- Reviewing grant applications including lay summary
- Helping researchers design public engagement events. These have included creative activities such as a theatre piece
- Helping prepare for public presentations or outreach activities
- Facilitating engagement with specific non-academic communities, for example local schools and colleges, patient groups, community groups, societies and University of the Third Age
- Helping researchers to make use of social media in communicating with the public

Individual MAGPIEs pick and choose which activities to be involved in, but because of our varied backgrounds and interests you'll always find a MAGPIE able to help.