

# Public Engagement at Queen Mary

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# Excellence at Queen Mary

*"Seen to be leaders in the field, the institution is advancing the practice of engagement, its evaluation and impact, and challenges and inspires other institutions to value engagement as a critical part of their work."*



# What is public engagement?

Public engagement describes the myriad of ways in which the activity and benefits of higher education and research can be shared with the public. Engagement is by definition a **two-way process**, involving interaction and listening, with the goal of generating **mutual benefit**.

- The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement

# Purpose and methods

## Some purposes of engagement:

- Sharing what we do (inspiring, informing)
- Responding (to societal needs / requests)
- Creating or applying knowledge together / Doing research together (collaborating, innovating)
- Learning from others (consulting)
- Changing attitudes / behaviour

## Some methods/formats:

- Hands-on activities
- Workshops
- Exhibitions
- Performances
- Collaborative research
- Consultations
- Whatever works best with the specific public

# What we do

- Advice surgeries
- Grants
  - Small grants (£1000) for engagement projects – deadline 15th of every month
  - Festival Funnel (£500) for delivery of activities at external festivals - rolling deadline
- Regular training sessions
- Monthly newsletter with opportunities
- Support with external funding applications



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