

Recruitment information: Chair, University of Exeter Public Engagement Strategic Advisory Group

The University of Exeter's Public Engagement Strategic Advisory Group was established in 2018, by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Impact). The initial aim of the group was to develop and launch a positional paper for public engagement with research (PER) and a complementary delivery plan with clear objectives for the following five years.

These documents were published in 2019, and an overview of the vision for PER is available on [the website](#).

The Public Engagement Strategic Advisory Group (known as PEG)

PEG meets every term and have moved forward with enacting the delivery plan that was created alongside the positional paper. It's a large group, with currently 23 members in addition to the Secretary (Grace Williams, Engaged Research Manager) and Chair (role currently vacant).

The previous Chair's term has come to an end, and so now is the time to appoint a new Chair. The role description below outlines the key responsibilities and tasks as Chair of the Group. It is anticipated that a Deputy Chair is appointed later in 2021 and will enable:

- For more of the leadership workload to be shared across two roles; and
- The inclusion of multiple perspectives, skillsets and experiences in PER leadership.
- PEG to be more robust.

Outline: Chair, University of Exeter Public Engagement Strategic Advisory Group

Key tasks

- Represent Exeter and its public engagement with research at national fora e.g. National Funders Forum
- Develop relationships with national funders in relation to public engagement with research.
- Lead, in partnership with Deputy Chair, the university's Public Engagement Strategic Advisory Group (known as PEG) as part of the Research and Impact strategy.
- Manage key relationships with senior management such as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and impact), and Professional Service Directors of Research Services and Impact, Innovation and Business.
- Represent PEG at related university groups such as Research and Impact Executive Group and Regional Strategy Group.
- Build and develop network with counterparts in other universities.
- Provide leadership for institutional responses to new and major national public engagement opportunities
- Lead on the recruitment of the Deputy Chair

Key skills, experience and attributes

- In-depth knowledge of PER
- Ability to advocate and be an ambassador nationally for Exeter's commitment to PER and its culture of engaged research
- Experience of high-level advocacy with funders and other PER-related national organisations

- Ability to advocate for PER in other areas of university activity such as Civic University, Arts and Culture and Regional Engagement.
- Able to Chair a large advisory group with tact
- Able to influence and negotiate with senior management
- Active listening skills
- Empathy

Expressions of interest are welcome for the role of Chair. To submit an expression of interest, [complete the short online form](#). The deadline for applications is Monday 15th March. It is anticipated that interviews will be held between 26th March and 5th April.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact PEG Secretary Grace Williams (grace.williams@exeter.ac.uk).