

Public engagement at Warwick

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Physics Café 2023



WARWICK

Who am I?

60% Physics academic

- Applications of ultrasound
- Teaching CMP (and helping out with 2nd year electronics)

40% WIE

- Outreach
- Public engagement
- University committees...

Mom to 2 tiny overenthusiastic kids



What is engagement?

What does Physics do?



engage with the wider community, in particular schools



What does Physics do?

- Christmas lectures
- Visits to schools
- School visits to the university
- Big Bang Fair
- Planetarium
- Online resources
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What is 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."



National
Co-ordinating
Centre for
Public Engagement

What is engagement?

- Connecting the work of universities with society
- Making knowledge accessible
- Including more perspectives
- Driving new ideas and collaborations
- Making the world a fairer place



What does this look like?

- Public talks
- Visiting schools
- Live events, social media, website, television, books
- Advising policy makers
- Collaborating on a piece of research/ solutions with community partners
- Working with artists on exhibitions/ installations
- Consulting patient groups on a clinical trial
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LOVE MUSIC? START MAKING IT.

IT ALL STARTS HERE

- Gloucestershire-based charity
- Transforming young peoples' lives through music
- Championing inclusive music and promoting a ground-breaking approach to diversity and skills development

We're building
brand new
community
music Hub in The
Forest

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- Key anchor organisation for young people in challenging circumstances
- Championing inclusive music and promoting a ground-breaking approach to diversity and skills development
- Lee Holder: Disability Lead
- Expertise in breaking down the barriers that young disabled people face in music, whether that is accessible spaces, adaptive musical instruments, or thinking about different ways to experience music.





THE
MUSIC
WORKS

Feeling resonance



A student
project by
Angel Addo
Lucas Cochrane
Lewis Howard
Chengao Ye







Baby shark
(do doo de doo de doo)

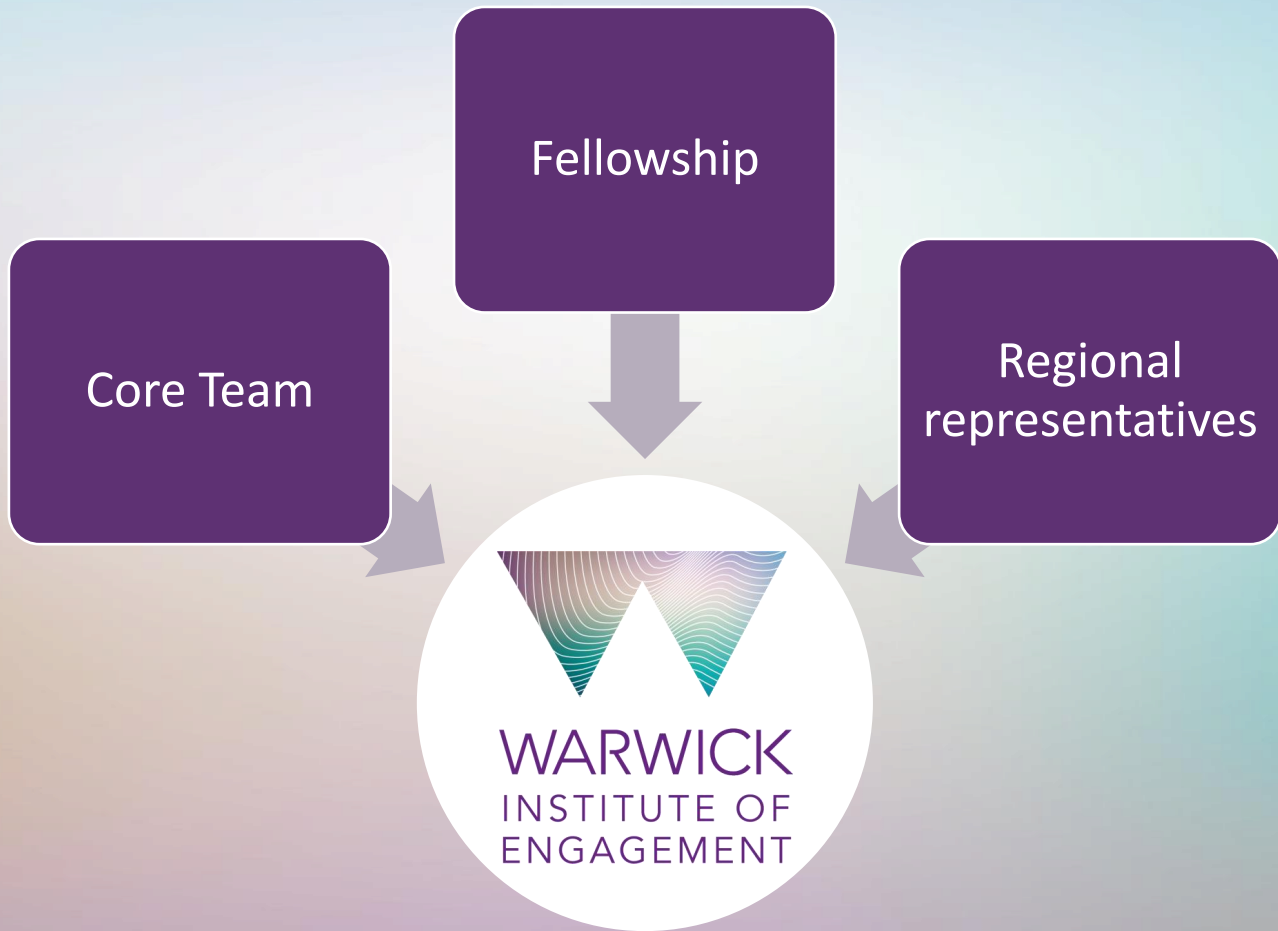
(inflatable instrument on
which you can play notes
and feel the vibrations)





WARWICK
INSTITUTE OF
ENGAGEMENT

What WIE do!



Our mission is
to **Support**
and help **Lead**
Staff and
Students
at Warwick to
Engage
with the wider
World

154 Fellows as of August 2023



Fellows / Senior Fellows / Honorary Fellows / Regional Fellows / Programme Fellows (new!)

Training

The Warwick Institute of Engagement Skills Festival

PG Students



Events





Upcoming opportunities

ESRC Festival of Social Science (October 21st – November 17th)

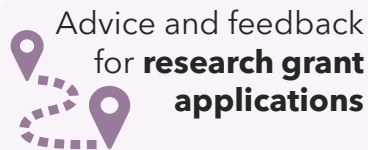
- 26th October: an Introduction to Social Science (series of short talks at 1 Mill St in Leamington)
- 28th October: Hands on activities for all ages at the Herbert Gallery
- 4th November: Planting Roots Festival (hands on activities on the theme of environment, sustainability and community)
- Also opportunities and support available to run your own activity



Upcoming opportunities


- Christmas Lecture Live Labs (30th November and 7th December)
- Resonate Festival of Science and Technology (March)
- The Big Read (April)
- Resonate Festival of Arts and Culture (June)

Staff



Collaboration and Co-Production Fund

to grow relationships with
community groups



Support with
writing **promotion**
cases

Toolkits and **funding** to embed
public and community engagement
into **teaching**



Fellowship
opportunities
within WIE

Skills-focused **online resources**
and **interactive masterclasses**



Promotion
of your
public
events

Expertise in
developing collaborations
with community groups



A programme of
funded events
to engage the
public

Students

UG and PGT modules
in public engagement
with IATL



MASc in Community, Engagement
and Belonging with Liberal Arts

Public engagement
internships with partners



Public
engagement
URSS projects

Points for the
WARWICK
AWARD
STUDENT OPPORTUNITY





If you want to get involved...

- Website - warwick.ac.uk/wie
- Resource account - wie@warwick.ac.uk
- WIE Network – bi-weekly email to hear about engagement news and opportunities (sign up on website)
- Individual support - Send us an email and we'll be happy to set up a meeting
- What kind of activity or projects can we help with?
 - Help with engaging people with your projects
 - Information about IATL Public Engagement Module
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Look out for the next fellowship call next year

twitter - [@warwickengages](https://twitter.com/warwickengages)

LinkedIn - [Warwick Institute of Engagement](#)

If you want to get involved...



<https://imascientist.org.uk/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors>

If you want to get involved...



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