

## Patient Experience Research Centre

Public Involvement Newsletter

Welcome to the August issue of the Imperial College London, Patient Experience Research Centre Public Involvement Newsletter.

In this issue we share upcoming opportunities to get involved in health research, as well as upcoming events which you might be interested in joining.

## Upcoming opportunities



### Help shape a research project on diabetes and alcohol use disorder

A researcher from Imperial College London is looking for people with **lived experience of both diabetes and alcohol problems** to share their insights to help shape research on diabetes and alcohol use disorder.

#### Who can apply?

To take part you must:

- have lived experience of both diabetes and alcohol problems; and
- be over 18 and in stable recovery

#### What is involved?

How you choose to contribute is up to you. You can take part in:

- a 1-to-1 discussion with the researcher; or
- two small discussion groups (one at the start of the research project, and one after the study is completed)

#### Will I be paid for my time?

Yes! You will receive £50/hour Amazon voucher or payment in money for up to one hour discussion. You will also receive travel expenses or a contribution to Wi-Fi/data costs (depending on your chosen meeting format).

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to express your interest by **22 August**.

For any queries, please contact [Sarah Cook](mailto:Sarah.Cook).

[Find out more & apply](#)



### Help shape research into necrotising fasciitis in North West London

Researchers at Imperial College London and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust are looking for people to partner with them to improve the health of the local community in North West London (NWL).

#### Who can apply?

Anyone who:

- is 17 years or older; and
- has experienced **necrotising fasciitis**; and
- lives, works, studies or receives/d healthcare in NWL;
- ideally has community connections in NWL (e.g. charities, support groups, residents groups, walking groups or church communities)

#### What is involved?

- Up to 20 hrs of your time until May 2024 with the possibility of extension
- Share your views with researchers & health professionals
- Attend meetings, and/or provide your feedback via email/phone

#### Why get involved?

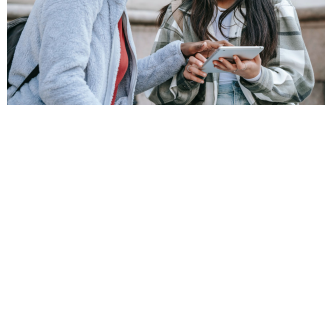
- Share your valuable lived experience of necrotising fasciitis
- Get paid £25/hour plus expenses
- Receive training & develop skills

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to apply.

For any queries, please contact [publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk).

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### Join our non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) research network

We are creating a network of NAFLD patients who can advise Imperial researchers and clinicians on how to improve NAFLD healthcare and how to shape NAFLD research.

#### Who can get involved?

Anyone who:

- is 17 years or older living; and
- has been **diagnosed with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)**
- living, working, studying or receiving care in North-West London (i.e. Brent, Ealing, Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow or Westminster)

#### What is involved?

- Share your views with researchers & health professionals
- Attend meetings, and/or provide your feedback via email/phone

#### Why get involved?

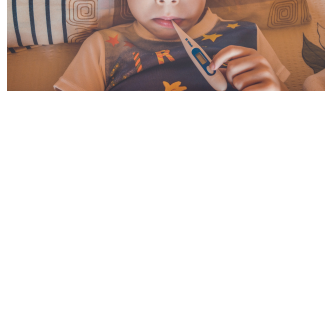
- Share your valuable lived experience as someone living with NAFLD
- Get paid £25/hour plus expenses
- Support & training provided

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to express your interest.

For any queries, please contact [publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk).

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### Help shape research into severe COVID-19 in North West London

Researchers at Imperial College London and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust are looking for people to partner with them to improve the health of the local community in North West London (NWL).

#### Who can apply?

Anyone who:

- is 17 years or older; and
- has **experienced severe COVID-19 symptoms**. This means experiencing **long-lasting respiratory issues** (i.e. **lung symptoms**, such as **breathlessness** or a **frquent cough** for **several months**) after your initial COVID-19 illness; and
- lives, works, studies or receives/d healthcare in NWL;
- ideally has community connections in NWL (e.g. charities, support groups, residents groups, walking groups or church communities)

#### What is involved?

- Up to 20 hrs of your time until May 2024 with the possibility of extension
- Share your views with researchers & health professionals
- Attend meetings, and/or provide your feedback via email/phone

#### Why get involved?

- Share your valuable lived experience of severe COVID-19
- Get paid £25/hour plus expenses
- Receive training & develop skills

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to apply.

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### Help shape research into childhood sepsis & meningitis in North West London

Researchers at Imperial College London and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust are looking for people to partner with them to improve the health of the local community in North West London (NWL).

#### Who can apply?

Anyone who:

- is 17 years or older; and
- **parent/guardian** of a child who has experienced **childhood sepsis or meningitis**; and
- lives, works, studies or your child receives/d healthcare in NWL;
- ideally has community connections in NWL (e.g. charities, support groups, residents groups, walking groups or church communities)

#### What is involved?

- Up to 20 hrs of your time until May 2024 with the possibility of extension
- Share your views with researchers & health professionals
- Attend meetings, and/or provide your feedback via email/phone

#### Why get involved?

- Share your valuable lived experience as a parent/guardian of a child who had sepsis or meningitis
- Get paid £25/hour plus expenses
- Receive training & develop skills

#### How do I express my interest?

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### Join WellHome as part of their Air Quality & Health study

The [WellHome study](#), part of the world-leading [Environmental Research Group](#) at Imperial College London, are now inviting **2 additional families with children with asthma** to measure air pollution for **one year**, with free sensors and science activities. In this unique community-based project, over 8 visits you will learn in-depth how indoor and outdoor Air Quality affects our health, including **damp, mould and microplastics**.

If you have a child with asthma, with no smokers in the household, [sign up now](#).

Families will receive **£300** by the end of the study and be one of the first homes in the UK to monitor seasonal Air Quality, enhancing world-leading research. Together the findings will inform future UK policy and decision-making, improving the air for everyone!

The study particularly encourages families who live near Ravenscourt Park, Fulham, Brook Green, Holland Park, Wendell Park, Emlyn Gardens, Ilfley Road, Kensington, Knightsbridge, Brompton, Bayswater, Paddington, Chiswick, South Acton, Frank Banfield Park or Parson's Green.

Any questions? Get in touch with Esther and Swati: [wellhome@ic.ac.uk](mailto:wellhome@ic.ac.uk) / 07596 95626.

[Find out more](#)



### Are you 65 or older and interested in discussing ways to live as well as in as you can for longer?

The Helix Centre for Design in Healthcare from Imperial College London are hosting two 2-hour workshops to learn about **people's attitudes towards health as we age**.

They want to explore the idea of **using technology in individuals' homes to detect signs of age-related decline**, supporting individuals to take action to help them live independently longer.

#### Who can apply?

Anyone who:

- is 65 years or older;
- whether you're in good health or facing health challenges, the team would love to hear from you.

#### What is involved?

- Attend two workshops, roughly two weeks apart. Each workshop will last for 2 hours.
- Workshops are available in person at St. Mary's Hospital in Paddington, London (refreshments provided) or via a remote option for those who cannot join in person.

#### Will I be paid for my time?

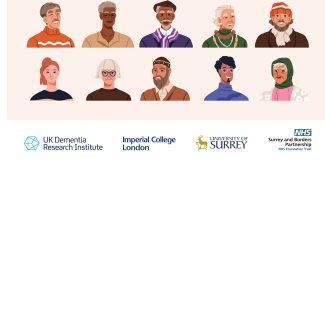
Yes. You will receive £25/hour for your time and reasonable travel expenses for those joining in person.

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to apply.

For any queries, please call 07561 873711 or email [healthvageing@helixcentre.com](mailto:healthvageing@helixcentre.com).

[Find out more & apply](#)



### Exploring Black Caribbean women's experience of sexual and reproductive health care services in the UK

*Please note this is a research participation opportunity (i.e. you will be participating in the study rather than working with researchers to shape/design the study)*

#### Background

A PhD student from Glasgow Caledonian University is exploring how **Black Caribbean women experience sexual and reproductive health care services in the UK**.

#### Who can apply?

Anyone who:

- self-identifies as a Black Caribbean woman from England or Scotland?; and
- identifies as a service user, service provider, or policy stakeholder within sexual and reproductive healthcare in England or Scotland

#### What is involved?

- share your thoughts and experiences of sexual and reproductive healthcare
- two 90-minute online 1-to-1 conversations with a researcher

#### Why get involved?

- insights gathered will help to support, develop, and design future sexual and reproductive healthcare policies, programmes and initiatives, which intend to improve sexual and reproductive healthcare outcomes for Black Caribbean women in the UK.
- get paid £15 per interview as a token of thanks for your participation in each session.

#### How do I express my interest?

Click the button below to register your interest and find out more.

For more information contact [rianna.raymondwilliams@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:rianna.raymondwilliams@gcu.ac.uk).

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### Join the newly re-launched VOICE Global community

VOICE is an online platform which brings together members of the public, patients and carers who want to influence and inform UK health research and innovation.

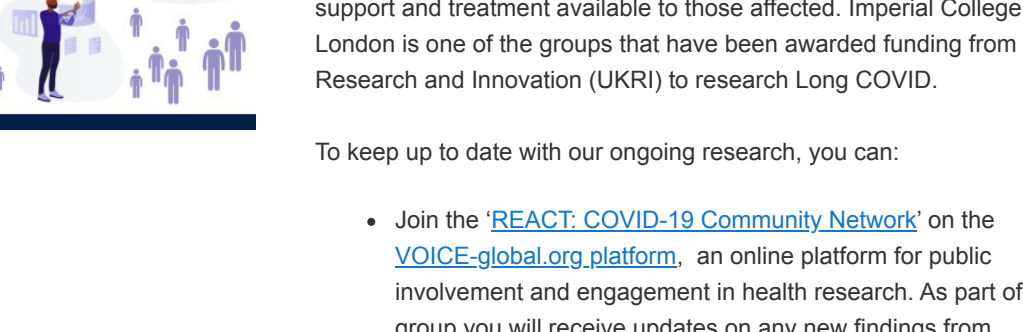
Imperial joined VOICE in January 2019, with the ambition to improve the way we involve patients and members of the public in our research. The public are at the heart of what we do, so ensuring your involvement, engagement and participation in research is a key priority for us.

On the VOICE platform you will find opportunities for involvement, engagement and participation as well as upcoming events relating to health and social care.

If you are new to VOICE why not join one of the [introductory webinars](#) and [online tours of the platform](#) to find out more.

To keep updated with the latest VOICE opportunities and help to influence and inform our research, [sign up today at voice-global.org](#)

## Upcoming events



### The Invention Rooms – Summer holiday family workshops

Join the Invention Rooms this Summer for a series of **free science workshops and activities**. Create colourful chemical t-shirts, build a LEGO space base, make your own alien and more with their free STEM activities for families.

The Invention Rooms are offering three different types of sessions: **Science Workshops**, which are two-hour guided sessions where you can meet real scientists and learn more about Imperial's research through creative challenges. **Create and Make sessions** which will have a more relaxed feel and **Big Builds**, which have a large community feel as you work together as a group to make something huge!

All sessions are completely free for families with children aged 7 – 11, local to the White City area.

View all upcoming summer holiday family workshops and register via the [Imperial White City Community Events Eventbrite page](#).

If a workshop you would like to attend is showing as sold out, please contact [s.allen-turner@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:s.allen-turner@imperial.ac.uk) to join the waiting list as spaces often become available closer to the date.

You can keep up to date with upcoming Imperial events on the [What's On page](#) and catch up on previous events on the [Imperial YouTube Channel](#)



### A new network to shape the future of dementia care in the UK

**Date & time:** Wednesday 11 October 2023, 4pm – 7pm  
**Location:** The Works Cafe (Ground floor), Sir Michael Uren Hub, Imperial College London, 86 Wood Lane, London, W12 0BZ

The UK Dementia Research Institute's Care Research & Technology Centre (CR&T) is delighted to invite you to the official launch of their public involvement network: "Friends of CR&T". This network will create long-term impact on health and social care research, systems and policy.

Join the team for an evening of workshops, talks, food and drink. Exchange ideas, hear from experts, meet new people, and find out how you can shape the future of research at the CR&T.

Please contact [care-research@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:care-research@imperial.ac.uk) if you need support arranging your travel to the venue, or to register your interest in an online version of the event.

[Sign up to attend](#)



### Reverse Innovation in the NHS: a case study on Community Health & Wellbeing

**Date & time:** Wednesday 6 September 2023, 12pm – 1pm  
**Location:** Online

Reverse innovation is an innovation developed in a low- or middle-income country which is then adopted by a high-income country. It has been identified as a key emerging trend in global health systems, as these innovations do more with less and challenge a more traditional knowledge flow from richer to poorer countries.

Dr Matthew Harris, Clinical Senior Lecturer in Public Health at Imperial College London, will present his research on the concept of reverse innovation; biases, evidence frameworks and the background of Community Health and Wellbeing workers in Brazil.

Dr Cornelia Junghans Minton is Senior Clinical Fellow in Primary Care and Social Care Lead in the School of Public Health at Imperial College London. She will discuss her work on the challenges in primary care, the West London case study and its impact.

#### Will I be paid for my time?

As this is an information session, payment for time is not offered.

#### How do I register to attend?

Click the button below to register.

[Find out more & register](#)

## Blogs



### Catch up on what PERC and colleagues have been up to recently

**Maximising community voices in NIHR Imperial BRC supported research themes**

We are delighted to be working with over 80 Community Partners to ensure research supported by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Imperial Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is relevant to, and inclusive of, our North West London community.

Community Partners will work in partnership with each of our 14 research themes and the Patient Experience Research Centre (PERC). Read more about the [Community Partner framework](#).

**Science In Context: Public involvement and engaging under-represented groups in research**

Watch Haile Johnson (Public Involvement Officer, PERC) on *Science In Context*. In this interview, Haile speaks about what public involvement in research is, and the vital role the public play. She also discusses how we are involving the North West London community in the Imperial BRC.

[Watch the interview via Twitter](#) (2min 20 sec)

**Navigating digital health: a guide to data and artificial intelligence in healthcare**

[Navigating digital health](#) was co-produced with 20 local diverse public partners and aims to help the public navigate data science and artificial intelligence (AI). It can help people make informed decisions about accessing new technologies to support their health, or to contribute to public involvement programmes in research.

Imperial CRUK Lead Nurse and Public Involvement Lead, Kelly Gleason, [introduces the guide in this short blog](#). The guide is currently available in PDF (linked above), and a new website will be developed later this year.



### Want to learn more about public involvement in research?

Sign up to our online course on [Public Involvement in Research](#) on Coursera. The course is aimed at researchers but is also suitable for patients and the public to complete.

The course is set over four weeks (although you can go at your own pace) and introduces the concepts of public involvement and co-production in health research as well as discussing in more detail the role of public involvement across the research cycle.

[Find out more](#)



### Keep up-to-date with our COVID-19 and Long COVID Research

There is now a national, and global, commitment to enhance our scientific understanding of Long COVID, as well as improve the care, support and treatment available to those affected. Imperial College London is one of the groups that have been awarded funding from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to research Long COVID.

To keep up to date with our ongoing research, you can:

- Join the ['REACT: COVID-19 Community Network'](#) on the [VOICE-global.org platform](#), an online platform for public involvement and engagement in health research. As part of this group you will receive updates on any new findings from REACT/REACT-Long COVID, as well invites to public engagement and involvement activities

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