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**Public Engagement with Research  
Seed Fund Awardees  
23/24**



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**Congratulations to the successful applicants for the Public Engagement Seed Fund! Here are some details about the successful projects.**



**PI: Dr Anna Duckworth**

We are researching the lung disease pulmonary fibrosis in collaboration with the Interstitial Lung Disease team at the RD&E, where the university is involved in two regular patient meetings that underpin our research, including the EPIC PF group.

**PI: Dr Umesh Kadam**

I have been part of a special NIHR camp utilising a 'Team Science' approach to promote inter-disciplinary working, whilst focusing on research project development of people's experiences with multiple long-term health conditions through PPIE engagement.



**PI: Dr Yanling Yang**

I am organising special screening events at Phoenix dedicated to offering general audiences the opportunity to experience new Chinese films on the big screen. Additionally, I aim to establish valuable connections with key players in the film industry, including film distributors and local cinemas from both China and the UK.

**PI: Dr Mary Carter**

Our research concerns the prescribing of Memantine in general practice for Alzheimer's disease in England. Through an online survey and qualitative interviews, we will investigate why some GPs may lack confidence in prescribing this drug within their new remit.



**Co-PI: Dr Catherine Rider & Co-PI S. Toulalan**

We are holding two interactive workshops on the theme of Premodern Fertility with parents of young children in Exeter, with the aim of interrogating how far older ideas about fertility continue to inform people's beliefs and reproductive practices.



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PI: **Melissa Barlow** and Co-I **Lucy Kirkland**

Through collaboration, we combined quantitative research with PPIE perspectives to understand the challenges faced by patients from ethnic minority backgrounds. We are presenting these findings at CRUK's Early Diagnosis conference and the award will enable one of our PPIE partners to attend.

PI: **Dr Alissa Mello**

The Judy Project (funded by Horizon 2020), is the first trans-historical examination of women practitioners, and the (re)presentation(s) of gender and identity in Punch and Judy. The funding will contribute to the performance of a new Punch and Judy show being created with emerging "Professor" Spike Bones and Promenade Promotions LTD.



PI: **Dr. Rebecca Lynch** and Co-I **Dr. Patrycja Pinkowska**

We are running a workshop for people with alcohol-related liver disease (ArLD), who often experience stigma and shame in relation to their diagnosis. The award will allow us to co-generate creative outputs with this group to shed light on their experiences and be potentially included in training for clinicians.

PI: **Dr. Noreen Orr** and Co-I **Morena Rogers**

We are researching Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome (TSWS) and throughout our project, we have worked with our public collaborator who has lived experience of TSWS. This funding enables us to extend our public engagement and we plan to organise an online workshop with people living with TSWS to help us define research questions that are directly relevant to TSWS patients.

