Framework	Public Engagement
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Year	2017
	Drivers behind this framework, relevant QAA, UKGOC, Research Councils, industry, In 2008 the UK HE funding councils, Research Councils UK and the Wellcome Trust
	invested into the opening of six Beacons to help support public engagement across the UK [1]. These centres are to foster a change of culture in universities, assisting staff and students to engage with the public. A National Co-ordinating Centre was also built to provide a single point of contact as well as to oversee the activities of the other Beacons.
Rationale	In 2010 the Concordat for Engaging the Public with Research [2] was developed by Research Councils UK (RCUK), the Funding Councils, academies and research charities. The Concordat's goal is to increase the quality of public engagement by reducing barriers and rewarding the efforts of researchers. The role for institutions is to demonstrate a strategic commitment to public engagement.
	Why should we engage with the Public?
	1. Brings benefits to the universities and to the public
	2. Funders and Policy makers expect universities to do it
	3. It helps universities adapt to a changing world
	Imperial College Societal Engagement Framework [3]
	Communicating with a wider audience
	<ul> <li>Communicating 1: Public Engagement</li> <li>Communicating 2: Communicating Research in Schools</li> <li>Communicating 3: Evaluating Impact</li> </ul>
	Perfecting Presentations
Courses	<ul> <li>Present your Poster!</li> <li>Conferences and seminars</li> <li>Advanced Presentations</li> </ul>
	Finish Up and Move On (FUMO) : Evidencing Impact session
	Retreat: Research Impact and Collaboration Retreat
	Enterprising and Entrepreneurship: Social Enterprise
Collaborators	Working with Amy Seakins and Janet on evidencing Public Engagement

	Research Council
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