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Warwick Institute of Engagement (WIE)

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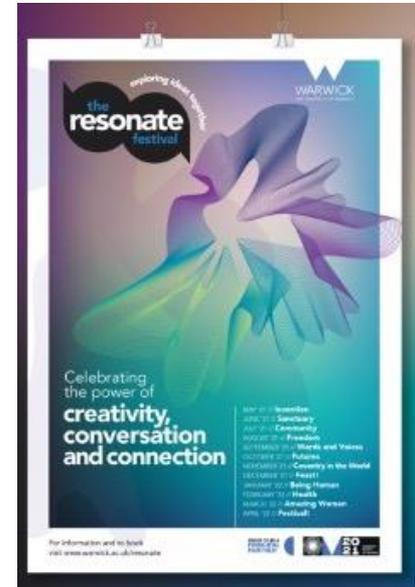


WIE's Aims:



- **Act as a fully representative pan-University hub** for joined-up discussion and co-ordination of public engagement activities to align with the University's strategic priorities, Grand Challenges and response to government's Knowledge Exchange agenda
- **Build capacity and expertise amongst Warwick staff and students** in order to ensure they are able to communicate and work with regional communities and the wider world in the most compelling and effective way possible
- **Create the right opportunities** for University staff and students to collaborate with the public, communities, key influencers and decision makers, particularly in relation to Coventry and Warwickshire
- **As a result, enable the University to engage more profoundly and sustainably locally, regionally and nationally**, helping the University to attain its 2030 Strategy goals

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Aim 1: Act as a fully representative pan-University hub

- WIE Core Team of 10 Academic/Professional services staff
- 145 Fellows elected from current academic and professional services staff & students, including 12 Regional Fellows who play key roles in Coventry/ Leamington/ Birmingham.
- Fellows work within 14 Learning Circles (LCs), each dedicated to a particular PE topic.



- LCs 1,2,3,4,6,8: dedicated to PE Training and Best Practice
- LC 5: dedicated to peer review of Research grants with PE element
- LC 7: dedicated to improving Pedagogy of teaching PE
- LC 9: dedicated to support for Promotion cases involving Impact, Outreach and Engagement
- LC 10: dedicated to developing PE as part of EUTOPIA network
- LCs 11,12,13: dedicated to pushing boundaries of PE in relation to Co-Production, Inclusion and HE Sector
- LC 14: dedicated to development of STEM GC Public Engagement hub and EcoPark Discovery Zone

LCs work in conjunction with WIE core team to deliver tangible outcomes across Faculties, Strategic Priorities, GCs and University

Aim 2: Building Capacity and Expertise amongst Warwick staff and students for Collaboration

WIE Collaboration and Co-Production Fund

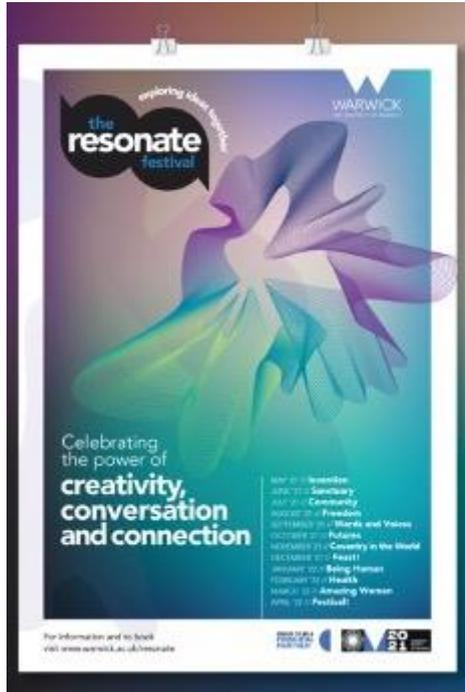
- Awards (up to £3000) to build - or strengthen existing – relationships with regional and national community groups and organisations leading to co-produced research applications and/or collaboration in public engagement activities.
- Recent awards to:
 - Philosophy Dept: Poetry performance evening at both local youth centres [Fridays](#) and [Coventry Boys and Girls club](#)
 - Classics Dept: Development, in partnership with [Warwickshire Museum's Market Hall Museum](#), of new showcase for two local Roman coin hoards
 - Food GRP: Development of a “mobile healthy food market” that will serve neighbourhoods in Coventry where access to healthy food is low.



Warwick Award for Public and Community Engagement

- Launching in January 2022, with first winners announced June 2022.
- This award seeks to ensure recognition and reward for Public and Community Engagement activities on par with Teaching and other University duties
- Will be open to Professional services and Academic staff, as well as have categories for UG + PG student awards.

Aim 3: Create the right opportunities for University staff and students to collaborate with the public



Resonate Festival May – December 2021:

- 100 events; engaged with 3152 people face to face and 6000 online. Worked with 62 local organisations thanks to efforts of 120 staff and 60 students
- 37% of attendees commented that Resonate events have improved how they feel about living in Coventry
- Over two thirds of attendees feel more positive about the University and the impact that our work has on society as a result of attending Resonate.

How we support: Collaboration, Co-Production and Citizen Science

- 1. Individual Fellows with experience in these areas, along with our new Regional Fellows, come together within WIE as part of a Collaboration and Co-Production Learning Circle to discuss and deliver strategic recommendations on improving pan-University practice.**
- 2. The Collaboration and Co-Production Learning Circle, works with the WIE team and external independent reviewers, to run the Collaboration and Co-Production Fund, supporting projects that seek to build new community relationships leading to research grant applications and/ or collaborative Public engagement events**
- 3. WIE Fellows also run a Peer Review Learning Circle, which offers peer review of research grants applications with substantial Co-Production and Citizen science elements to help improve grant capture.**
- 4. The WIE Team supports the organization of public events co-produced by the University and community partners, and then, in subsequent years, targets particular community relationships to foster with further support for events and joint projects.**