

DARE UK Public Advisory Group – Role profile

DARE UK (Data and Analytics Research Environments UK) is looking for new members to join its Public Advisory Group to provide advice on the programme's direction and activities.

At [DARE UK \(Data and Analytics Research Environments UK\)](#), we are dedicated to designing and delivering a national network of secure data [infrastructures](#), facilitating faster and more efficient access to sensitive data for research for the public good. DARE UK is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and led by Health Data Research UK (HDR UK) and ADR UK (Administrative Data Research UK).

The Public Advisory Group was established in 2021 to provide a way to embed public perspectives into DARE UK's programme activities. The Public Advisory Group aims to:

- Oversee DARE UK's public involvement and engagement activities and ensure they align with our [Public Involvement and Engagement Strategy](#)
- Advise on all aspects of the DARE UK programme from a public viewpoint, including providing input into new and ongoing public involvement and engagement work

Due to our expanding programme of work, we are looking to grow the Public Advisory Group. We are also keen to include public contributors with experiences and viewpoints currently underrepresented in the Group.

What can you expect

As a DARE UK Public Advisory Group member, you will be expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in quarterly DARE UK Public Advisory Group meetings and work towards the aims outlined above
- Work with other members of the Public Advisory Group to provide advice and guidance on areas of work across DARE UK, such as public involvement and engagement initiatives
- Prepare for each meeting by reading any paperwork involved
- Provide advice and feedback on documents in between meetings as and when
- Participate in other meetings and events as agreed in advance

You can also express your interest in joining the Public Advisory Group for the [TREvolution](#) project. TREvolution is funded under the [DARE UK Transformational Programme](#) to enhance the [Trusted Research Environment \(TRE\)](#) tools and standards developed in the first phase of the DARE UK programme (July 2021 – March 2024).

As a TREvolution Public Advisory Group member, in addition to the above, you will be expected to:

- Actively participate in monthly online meetings
- Read papers sent in advance of meetings
- Provide advice and feedback on documents in between meetings as and when
- Participate in some optional additional online Collaboration Cafes and/or occasional in-person engagement events

Experiences, skills and interests we are looking for

Experiences and skills:

- Experience in being in a group/team environment where you discuss and participate with others who may have differing opinions or perspectives
- Able to contribute your unique public perspective to group discussions
- Able to voice your own opinions clearly and constructively when participating in group discussions
- Able to listen to and respect differing opinions in group discussions
- Understanding of, or a willingness to learn about, how sensitive data can be used for research in this sector

Interested in:

- Use of sensitive data for research and innovation
- How data is collected, processed, linked, accessed and safeguarded
- Public involvement and engagement in research

To ensure we have diverse perspectives across the Public Advisory Group, we will prioritise expressions of interest from people who have never been involved in research or data research.

We want the Public Advisory Group to be as representative as possible to ensure a mix of thoughts and opinions. If you do not meet all the criteria but are strongly interested in this role, we encourage you to apply.

Role details

Length of the role

This role will last until the end of Phase 2 of DARE UK's programme of work (March 2027).

Location

Meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams.

Time commitment

The DARE UK Public Advisory Group's meetings will be held four times a year for 1 hour and 30 minutes. You may need about 1 hour before a meeting to read through any relevant papers.

If you opt to join the TRevolution Public Advisory Group, you will also be expected to attend one-hour monthly meetings.

Between meetings, you may also have opportunities to get involved in other pieces of work, meetings, and events relevant to your role with the Public Advisory Group. These are optional, and your involvement will be agreed upon in advance.

Honoraria and expenses

Honoraria or vouchers are provided to Public Advisory Group members in recognition of their time and contributions to DARE UK. Payments are made according to the [HDR UK Honoraria and Expenses Policy](#).

When agreed in advance, we will cover reasonable travel, accommodation (where appropriate), and other expenses. DARE UK may reimburse other expenses, such as care responsibilities.

Support we provide

We will support you in your role by providing:

- An induction session before joining your first meeting
- Ongoing support from the DARE UK programme staff
- A key contact within DARE UK who will provide you with relevant information and will be available to answer any questions
- Ad-hoc training and support as identified by individual Public Advisory Group members

How to apply

Complete the [online application form](#) by **Monday, 12 May 2025, 12 pm**:

In this form, you will be asked to share a short paragraph outlining why you are interested in joining the Public Advisory Group.

If you prefer, you can arrange a telephone call to submit your expression of interest or submit via text message. Please request either of these options by contacting Katie Porter at katie.porter@hdruk.ac.uk.

If successful, you will be invited to a short online interview to discuss your interest in the role.

If you have any questions about the role, get in touch with Katie Porter at katie.porter@hdruk.ac.uk.

Demographic information (optional)

We have created a form with optional questions to help us learn about the people interested in getting involved with our work at DARE UK. We will only use this information to monitor the diversity of our network and inform our approach to reaching and working with the broadest range of people possible.

All questions are optional, and all responses are anonymous and cannot be linked to expressions of interest. Please read the [DARE UK Privacy Policy](#) to learn more about how we collect and use the personal information you provide us.

[Complete the form](#)

Additional information

Drop-in sessions

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online drop-in session to discuss the role and interview process with the DARE UK Project Coordinator and current Public Advisory Group members. These drop-in sessions will likely be held from 19 to 22 May 2025.

Equal opportunities policy statement

HDR UK (DARE UK is an equal opportunity employer, and as such, it aims to treat all volunteers, employees, consultants and applicants fairly. It is our policy to provide equality to all, irrespective of:

- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Marital or civil partnership status

- Having or not having dependants
- Religion or belief
- Race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins)
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age

We are opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. All applicants, volunteers and employees who work for us will be treated fairly and will not be unfairly discriminated against on any of the above grounds. Decisions about recruitment and selection, promotion, training or any other benefit will be made objectively and without unlawful discrimination.

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