

PPIE AWARDS 2024

Winners and Highly Commended

A message from Kay Gallacher, Public Contributor and FBMH PPIE Forum Co-Chair

Celebrating Outstanding Contributions to Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)

Since its inception in 2016, the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health (FBMH) has proudly hosted an annual Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Celebration Event. This event highlights and honours the powerful impact of PPIE across our Faculty.

At the heart of the celebration is the '**Outstanding Contribution to PPIE**' Awards, which recognise the exceptional dedication and inspirational efforts of individuals and groups who are making a real difference in our communities through their commitment to meaningful involvement and engagement.

To date, an impressive **98 awards** have been presented to public contributors, staff, students, and groups whose work exemplifies excellence in PPIE.

In response to requests to learn more about our past winners, this **special edition** shines a spotlight on the 2024 award recipients.

Congratulations and a heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of you for your outstanding contributions. Your work continues to make a truly positive difference.



Inclusivity



Winner: Stevie Shoop-Worrall

Stevie's research looks to bridge the gap between child and adult care of psoriatic arthritis, which currently have different treatments.

[Find out more](#)

Winner: Parkinson's From Inside Out

Ellen, a member of staff and Matthew, a public contributor, have led various projects together with a PPI leading thread for more than 10 years.

[Find out more](#)



Highly Commended: RAPID-RT team

The RAPID-RT are pioneering innovative and inclusive methods to assess the impact of changes in cancer treatments on patient outcomes using routinely collected data.

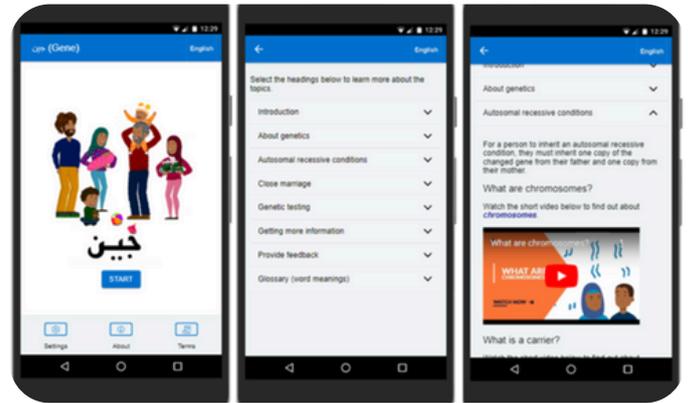
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Highly Commended: Gene App team

The team co-designed the 'Gene' app to address the lack of access to culturally sensitive genetic information, leading to a significant unmet need within South Asian Pakistani communities in the UK.

[Find out more](#)



Individual

Winner: Sheena Cruickshank and Ardwick residents

Sheena leads on a participatory research project in partnership with Ardwick residents to investigate concerns about air quality. Through consultation workshops and participatory mapping exercises, this work has led to the development of a green route launched in April 2024 to a positive reception.

[Find out more](#)

Winner: Phil Macdonald

Phil has been involving public contributors for 10 years. He recognises that they are essential in teaching healthcare scientists and offers public members the freedom, support and encouragement to ensure their involvement is effective, ensuring that they feel valued.

[Find out more](#)



Highly Commended: Marie McDevitt

Marie provides unique insight and service user expertise to research activities and has a strong personal commitment to medical research and public service values. She is a great advocate for mental health research and a member of several PPIE groups.

Edith is a long-term patient partner who has worked with the Raynaud's and Scleroderma Research group on several studies. She is recognised nationally and internationally for their advocacy work and expertise.

Highly Commended: Edith Brown

Group



Winner: STAND Indonesia

STAND Indonesia aims to increase access to psychological interventions for anxiety and depression in Indonesia. They have worked with people with lived experience to co-adapt and co-deliver a low-intensity psychological intervention training programme for primary care workforces in Indonesia.

[Find out more](#)



Highly Commended: ClinPsyD Community Liaison Group

A group of public contributors that are integral to the structure and delivery of the Clinical Psychology Doctorate course. They ensure those with lived experience of mental health services, provide meaningful input into the training of clinical psychologists.

[Find out more](#)

Highly Commended: Clinical Data Science Programme team

The team empowers healthcare professionals to apply Data Science in practice for patient benefit, applying co-design/creation/production throughout the design and delivery of the programme.

[Find out more](#)



Newcomer



Staff Winner: Adam Haque

Adam volunteered for the role of PPIE lead for the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre cardiovascular domain and has collaborated with the NIHR Biomedical Research Centre and Vocal to establish the Cardiovascular PPIE Research Group.

[Find out more](#)



Student Winner: Grace Gregory

Grace is a PhD student working on NF2, a rare debilitating disease causing the formation of brain tumours that cause deafness, blindness and paralysis. In 2022, Grace created an NF2 blogsite, which is now a cornerstone of the NF2 online community.

[Find out more](#)

Anam is a true involvement advocate, having been involved in several research projects, within the Mental Health theme that aim to improve the health of the population and the quality/sustainability of the Health & Social care they receive.

Staff Highly Commended: Anam Bhutta

Public Engagement

Winner: Museum of Medicine and Health



The museum aims to broaden access to the collection of historical medical artefacts spanning 200 years. The team demonstrates a dedication to public engagement by fostering research opportunities, enriching the student experience, and encouraging use of the collections by diverse audiences.

[Find out more](#)



Highly Commended: Rochdale Health Seminars

A group of doctors, representatives and community workers who worked together to design and deliver culturally sensitive health education events in Rochdale. The sessions aim to combat ethnic health disparities amongst the South Asian population.

[Find out more](#)

Highly Commended: Cloudy with a chance of pain

This project investigated how long-term pain conditions are affected by the weather. Using innovative and creative methods, the team recruited 13,000 members of the public people to record their pain levels on a smartphone app over 15 months.

[Find out more](#)



Bicentenary

PC Winners: Peter and Julie Mohr



Peter and Julie have given their time and commitment to the Faculty's Museum of Medicine and Health since 2002. They retired from their voluntary work at the end of 2024, having made countless contributions to ensure that the museum serves as a rich educational resource for everyone.

[Find out more](#)



Staff Winner: Sheena Cruickshank

Sheena is the University's first Academic Lead for Public Engagement with Research at the University, overseeing the development, implementation and monitoring of an institutional framework for public engagement.

[Find out more](#)

Winner: Voices of Our NHS

Voices of Our NHS is a national lived experiences collection, documenting the 75+ year history of the NHS through the voices of patients, staff and communities. It is a permanent public resource at the British Library to inform policy and practice now and in the future.

[Find out more](#)



Winner: Robina Shah and The Doubleday Centre for Patient Experience

The Doubleday Centre was founded with a visionary aim to integrate patient partnerships directly into medical education. The Centre's unique patient and public involvement model has transformed how future healthcare professionals are trained.

[Find out more](#)



Previous PPIE Celebration Events

2024: Back to the Future (Hybrid)

Awards: 21 awards were presented

[Read more about the event.](#)

2023: Connecting and Communicating (Hybrid)

Awards: 12 awards were presented

[Read more about the event.](#)

2022: From Buzz Words to Reality (Online via Zoom)

Awards: 12 awards were presented

[Read more about the event.](#)

2021: Celebrating five years of PPIE (Online via Zoom)

Awards: 15 awards were presented

Read more about our awardees and the event [here](#).

[View a recording of the event.](#)

2019: Celebrate PPIE, Experience Wellbeing

Awards: 17 awards were presented

[Read more about our awardees and the event.](#)

2018: Be Inspired, Be Involved

Awards: 11 awards were presented

[Read more about our awardees and the event.](#)

2017: Partnerships and Perspectives (our first Faculty celebration event)

Awards: 11 awards were presented

[Read more about our awardees and the event.](#)

