

Research Evidence Synthesis Training

Call for Early Career Researchers: training to produce a Research Evidence Synthesis paper that informs policy.

[The York Policy Engine](#) (TYPE) is offering a unique opportunity to be trained in Research Evidence Synthesis. Leading evidence synthesis experts, Professor Eric Jensen and Professor Mark Reed, will provide training in specialist evidence synthesis techniques and in the production of policy briefs, supporting application of these techniques to real world policy problems.

The opportunity includes an 8 week online programme, with between 1.5 to 3 hours of training per week. The training will be delivered using a 'flipped classroom' approach whereby content is provided in advance of the live sessions, with the sessions dedicated to active learning.

Policy topics will be identified by our Y-PERN (Yorkshire and Humber Policy and Engagement Research Network) partners and wider national policy contacts, who will consider the resulting briefings in their policy development. This unique opportunity for training and publication is limited to a small number of staff at the University of York.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Be a post-doctoral researcher or early career researcher at The University of York
- Have knowledge of a range of research techniques and methodologies
- Have experience in policy engagement as part of your research
- Be available on the following dates and times;

Week 1: Tuesday 17th October 9-11am	Week 5: Wednesday 15th November 9-12pm
Week 2: Tuesday 24th October 9-12pm	Week 6: Thursday 23rd November 9-12pm
Week 3: w/c 30th October TBC	Week 7: w/c 27th November TBC
Week 4: w/c 6th November TBC	Week 8: Tuesday 5th December 9-10.30am

Application process: Please submit an [application form](#). The form asks a few short questions and requests a brief statement (approx 100-200 words) outlining why you are interested in the opportunity (e.g. likely benefits to your career) and how it could be relevant to your research by **Tuesday 29th August 2023**.

We aim to recruit participants from across all three faculties at York and encourage colleagues from all academic departments, schools and centres to apply. All successful applicants will be contacted by a staff member at TYPE by **Tuesday 5th September 2023**. This training is offered free of charge. Please contact katie.heffron@york.ac.uk if you have any queries.

Commitment: The programme is a unique, specialist and high-quality training opportunity, bringing in lead experts to enhance the internal policy engagement capability of staff and students at York, with The York Policy Engine absorbing the full costs of running the training. Therefore, successful applicants will be required to commit to full attendance at all 8 sessions.