

## The York Policy Academy

The Policy Academy at The University of York, led by [The York Policy Engine](#) (TYPE), is an exciting new initiative designed to provide a unique and valuable development opportunity for academic and professional service staff interested in engaging with policymakers.

**Objective:** The Policy Academy aims to enhance participants' understanding of policy engagement, expand their networks, and increase their impact by connecting them with civic and political leaders and providing them with interactive expert-led training workshops.

**Timeline:** The sessions for the Policy Academy will take place in York, in-person, starting from December 2023 and continuing through to June 2024. These will be conducted once a month, with each lasting for half a day.

**Benefits:**

- Participants will become part of a growing community of individuals at York, interested in policy engagement.
- Engaging in dialogues with policy professionals across various policy engagement topics.
- Exploring policy engagement opportunities at the local, national, and international levels.

**Session Content:** The sessions will cover key policy engagement topics and focus on enhancing participants' understanding and skills in policy engagement, including:

- Understanding the policy environment in different contexts and unpacking experiences of policy engagement.
- Navigating the research-to-policy journey and effectively communicating research to policy audiences.

**Session Delivery:** Sessions will be led by a range of policy experts and delivered through a combination of workshops, speaker presentations with Q&A and action learning sets. Examples of experts delivering the workshops include:

- Ex-special advisers
- Government Ministers
- Civil Servants
- International Organizations representatives
- Policy Institutions
- University of York colleagues with expertise in policy engagement

**Completion:** Upon successful completion of the Policy Academy, participants will receive a certificate recognising their achievement. Additionally, alumni of the Policy Academy will be able to apply to a dedicated pool of Policy Support Funding reserved for their cohort in the 2024/25 financial year.

**Eligibility and Application:** The Policy Academy is open to staff members from all faculties, departments, and directorates of the University of York. Those interested in policy engagement as part of their work, including teaching, research, and professional services staff, are invited to apply. Interested individuals should submit an [application form](#), which includes a few short questions and requires confirmation of line manager support. The application deadline is **5pm Thursday, 12th October, 2023**.

**Commitment:** For the Policy Academy to run effectively, participants must make every effort to attend each monthly in-person session.

**Contact:** For any queries or additional information about the Policy Academy, you can reach out to Katie Heffron at [katie.heffron@york.ac.uk](mailto:katie.heffron@york.ac.uk).

**The Policy Academy offers a fantastic opportunity for individuals to enhance their policy engagement skills, broaden their networks, and learn from policy experts, thereby contributing to York's capacity for collaborative policy engagement.**