

ARC KSS Academy Research Week: Online Events

Date	Presenter(s)	Title and details of online session	Notes
Monday 14 September 2026			
10.30-11.30	Michelle Lefevre, Jeri Damman	From 'Hard to Reach' to 'Seldom Heard': Rethinking Research Engagement This webinar will explore how researchers can better involve and support people from groups whose voices are often underrepresented in research. We will discuss practical approaches to building respectful relationships, creating mutual benefits for participants and researchers, and staying committed to inclusive research, even when engagement can be challenging. The session draws on learning from two recent projects: the national evaluation of <i>A Better Start</i> and an ESRC-funded project that tested new ways of including more seldom-heard voices in major national studies. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on why some groups are frequently included in research in ways that focus on problems, while others are routinely overlooked altogether. Together, we will consider what this means for the evidence we rely on and how it shapes our understanding of what works in practice.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-and-parenting-tickets-1994658282618?aff=oddtcreator

1.30-2.30	Prof Carrie Llewellyn	Accounting for Sex and Gender in Research – NIHR Policy The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is responsible for ensuring that the research they fund is rigorous, reproducible and benefits the diverse populations covered by their funded research. Sex and gender play fundamental roles in a person's, or population's, experience of health, illness and social care as well as the wider determinants of health. This event, led by Professor Carrie Llewellyn at Brighton and Sussex Medical School and ARC KSS Primary and Community Healthcare Theme Lead, will consider the purpose and principles of the NIHR Policy and how new requirements may impact on NIHR funding opportunities from an applicant and panels perspective.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accounting-for-sex-and-gender-in-research-nihr-policy-tickets-1994659112099?aff=oddtcreator
3.00-4.00	Dr Devyn Glass, Charlotte Edwards	Have your say on support for adolescent and young adult (16-35) with severe mental health needs: A James Lind Alliance priority setting partnership Adolescents, young adults and their families across Kent, Surrey and Sussex are being invited to take part in a series of local community events to share their thoughts on what matters most in support for young people aged between 16 and 35 with severe mental health needs. In this presentation, the Mental Health Innovation and Implementation theme will introduce their new James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership (JLA-PSP) to identify the most important unanswered questions relating to	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-innovation-and-implementation-tickets-1994659324735?aff=oddtcreator

		adolescent and young adult (aged 16-35) severe mental ill-health in secondary care settings. We want to find out which questions about mental health care matter most to young people, so future in the Mental Health theme can focus on what people really need and help improve services.	
Tuesday 15 September 2026			
10.30-11.00	Dr Julie MacInnes, Beth Flowers	HCP Intern Celebration – online This event will bring together our Health and Care Professional Interns as they share their experiences of the programme and reflect on how the internship is shaping their research career.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nihr-hcp-internship-celebration-event-tickets-1991452970443?aff=oddtcreator
2.00-3.00	Bernadette Egan	The Participatory Approach to Research – addressing barrier to research Participatory research is a collaborative approach where members of the community and stakeholders act as co-researchers alongside academics. This approach moves from treating individuals as ‘research subjects’ to empowering those directly affected by an issue to have a voice and be active in designing and delivering research and effecting change. This session will demonstrate how participatory research can facilitate the inclusion of people with the highest burden of health and social inequalities and include an overview of participatory research methods.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Session updated with full details Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-participatory-approach-to-research-addressing-barrier-to-research-tickets-1994660234456?aff=oddtcreator

3.30-4.30	Mel Rees-Roberts, Liz Ford	Working with routinely collected data: in-depth skills focus Join the Data Driven Insights into Health Inequalities team from ARC KSS to explore routinely collected data. Dr Elizabeth Ford will give an overview of what data is available to researchers regionally and nationally including a showcase of the Sussex Integrated Dataset. The session will also share resources from ARC KSS that can support you as a researcher interested in accessing routinely collected health and care data. Dr Imogen Rogers will give an overview of what it is like working with routinely collected health data and Dr Bria Brown will share her experiences of using Clinical Practice Research Datalink primary care data in her PhD research.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/working-with-routinely-collected-data-in-depth-skills-focus-tickets-1994660974670?aff=oddtcreator
Wednesday 16 September 2026			
10.00-11.00	Madalina Toma	From Partnership to Impact: Lessons from the National Priority Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work This session will reflect on the ARC1 National Priority Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work, exploring how partnership building, inclusion, and co-production were embedded across a large national research programme. Drawing on practical examples, it will discuss what worked, the challenges encountered, and the lessons learned for researchers, practitioners, and those developing collaborative research in the future.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) (<i>Session updated with full details</i>) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-partnership-to-impact-lessons-from-the-national-priority-programme-tickets-1994001384819?aff=oddtcreator

11.30-12.15pm	Elle Whitcroft	Barriers to participatory research: A Case Study in Researching Trans Healthcare What are the barriers to co-production when researching trans healthcare? How can we get community members involved in person-centred research in ways that meaningfully improve things? This talk explores the barriers to participation and community-centred trans healthcare research.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barriers-to-participatory-research-researching-trans-healthcare-tickets-1994661822205?aff=oddtcreator
Thursday 17 September 2026	In-Person Symposium	Advancing Inclusive Research – Equity, Partnership, and Participation in Applied Research This in-person symposium will include a rich schedule of learning and development workshops, research insight talks and presentation designed for those working in applied health and social care research, including early career researchers, practitioners and PhD Students. There will also be an exhibition of all entries to our Research Poster Competition, including a chance to meet this year's winners.	Posted on Teams (ARC KSS Academy) Posted on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/research-week-2026-advancing-inclusive-research-tickets-1991446245328?aff=oddtcreator