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Exploring the attributes required for successful working with others

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Why am I here?

- Academic Lead for Engaged Research
- Academic Strategy
 - External Engagement
- REF 2021
 - Research Impact

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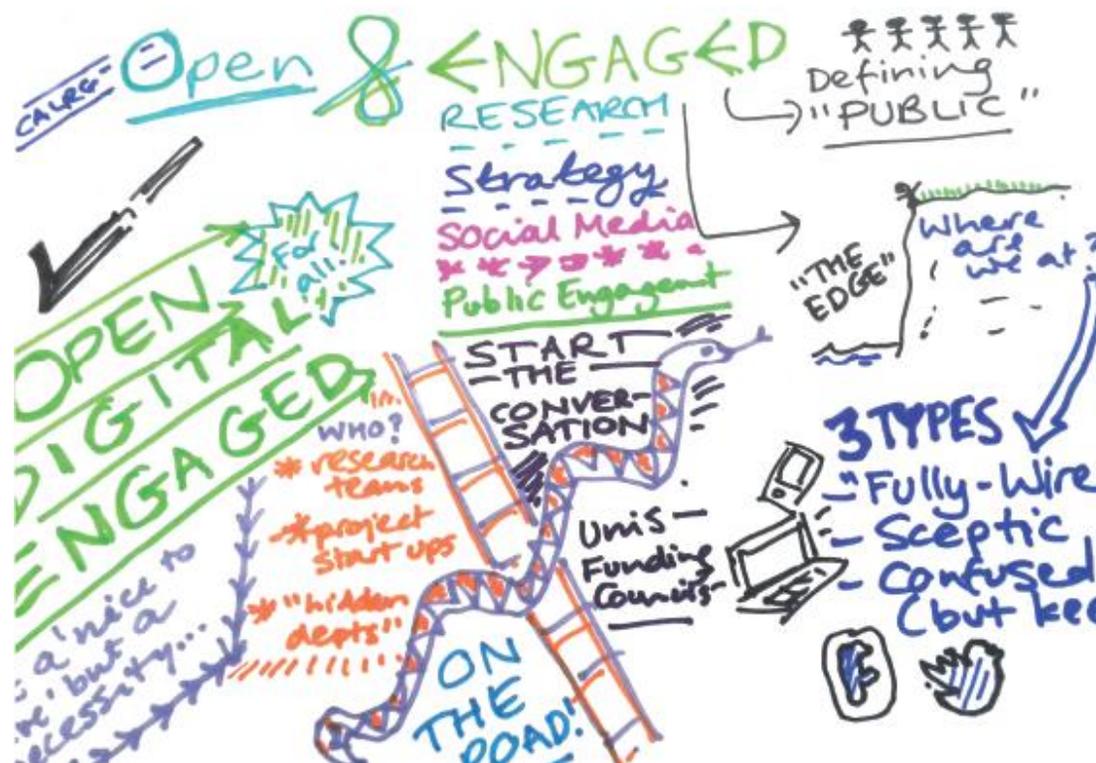
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SUPI: Engaging Opportunities



Activity Typology

Lectures

Dialogue

Inquiry

Creativity

How should we represent our partnership?

A hive of activity

Open lectures

Open dialogues

Open inquiry

Open creativity



Creativity



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Communicating Partnership

- six students worked with two researchers, a graphic designer and a teacher on a participatory design activity.
- co-design artefacts that would represent our SUPI project
- students designed wristbands
- national best practice case study



Communicating partnership: Participatory design with young people

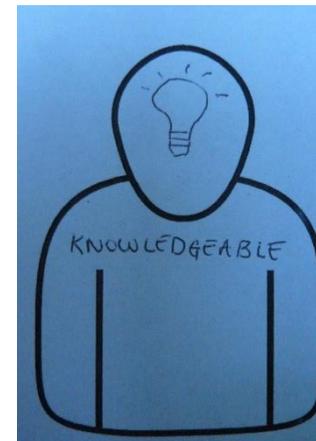
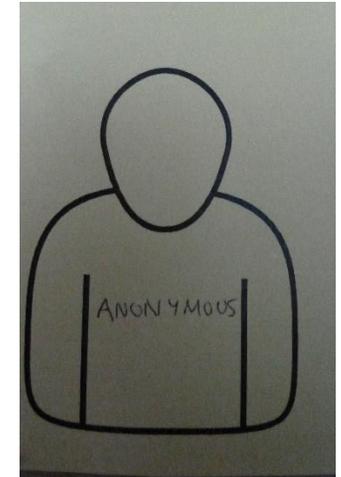
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RAS—working with others

- What is the name of your team?
 - Team Rick
- Who are your key stakeholders?
 - Staff working in RAS
- Who is your team spokesperson?

- What are the positive attributes you would like to see in your stakeholders?
- What are the negative attributes you would not like to see in your stakeholders?
- What are the positive attributes you think your stakeholders would like to see in you?
- What are the negative attributes think your stakeholders would like you to avoid?

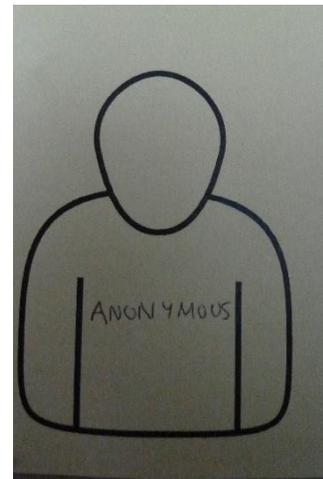


Analysis and summary



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- Select the most important attribute for each question
- Discuss in your groups:
 - What are implications of your assessment?
 - How could your unit change your ways of working?
 - Try to identify one action that you'll take forward
 - Summary from spokesperson (max. 1 min.)
 - attribute—significance—solution
 - anonymity—who to contact?—RAS intranet 'biogs'



Engaged ways of working



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- Working creatively with others to identify solutions that work for across stakeholders
- Forms of expertise
- Disagreements can be productive
- Rules of engagement



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