

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: strengthening research equity in NI

Wednesday 9th April 2025, 10:00-12:00 (online)

Registration: [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Event](#)

Time	Title	Speaker	EDI theme
10:00-10:05	Welcome	Dr Claire Cleland (Senior Programme Manager HSC R&D)	All
10:05-10:20	Health and Social Care Research: challenges and opportunities in Northern Ireland	Prof Nigel Hart (Prof of General Practice and Primary Care)	All
10:20-10:30	Addressing unmet health needs in rural agricultural communities	Dr Rebecca Orr (General Practitioner and Researcher)	Rural
10:30-10:40	Identifying inequalities and areas underserved by research through secondary data	Dr Aideen Maguire (Director, ADRC NI)	Religion & Deprivation
10:40-10:50	A journey towards inclusive PPI: shaping the future of cancer research	Ruth Boyd (Deputy Director, NICTN)	All
10:50-11:00	Reflections and considerations of PPI as a PIER member	Laura Collins (PIER member)	Carer
11:00-11:10	Comfort break		
11:10-11:20	Methodological innovations to overcome exclusion	Prof Gerard Leavy (Director, Bamford Centre)	Inequalities
11:20-11:30	Inclusive and impactful dissemination of research	Dr Niamh O’Kane (Science Communication and Research Impact Officer, QUB)	Disability
11:30-11:40	Centre for Research Equity, University of Oxford and Northern Ireland Partnership	Prof Mahendra Patel OBE (Founder and Director of Centre for Research Equity , University of Oxford)	All
11:40-11:50	Centre for Research Equity Partner updates	Dr Janet Diffin (Senior Programme Manager HSC R&D)	All
11:50-12:00	Future directions and closing remarks	Prof Ian Young (Director of Research for Health and Social Care)	All