

Introduction: For researchers

The **PPI Opportunities Noticeboard** is a platform where researchers can connect with members of the public and patients who are willing to bring their lived experience to help prioritise, plan and conduct **research**.

We, the PPI Ignite Network, are launching the Noticeboard in mid-April 2023 for an initial trial period.

Who can post an opportunity?

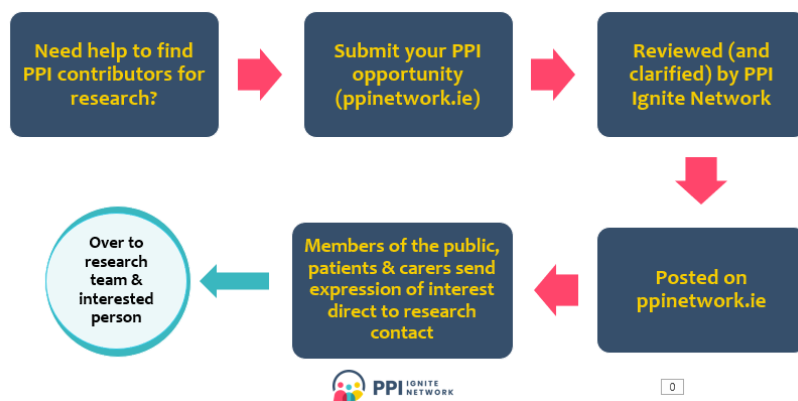
In our initial trial period, we invite the following groups to submit details of PPI Opportunities:

- Researchers at the seven PPI Ignite Network Universities and at Maynooth University
- Staff members at our national partners and local partners
- Charities and community organisations that are developing capacity for public and patient involvement in research within their own organisation

Please contact us if you do not belong to one of these groups but would like to post an opportunity (hello@ppinetwork.ie).

**To post a PPI opportunity, you or a team member must have taken part in some PPI training. Contact one of the [PPI Ignite Network programme offices](#) for details on upcoming training and/or check out our [Calendar of Events](#).

How the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard works



When, as a researcher, you need help to find PPI contributors for research, we invite you to go to the [Get Involved](#) page on our web site to submit your PPI opportunity. You are asked to provide details of the research and the PPI opportunity, including details of a contact person.

We review the information submitted, clarify any issues arising, and then post (publish) your opportunity on the Noticeboard. Members of the public, patients and carers can see the

opportunities that are available. If an individual is interested in an opportunity, they can submit an expression of interest through the web site which goes direct to the research contact person.

The research contact and the interested person then connect with each other, discuss the research and the PPI plans, and they decide if they are a good fit for each other.

Additional points to note:

- We will not know what members of the public or patients contact you. The PPI Opportunities Noticeboard is completely open to the public. People contacting you may have had no previous involvement with the Network.
- You can save the information you enter before it is complete and return to it at a later date. When you do this, you will immediately receive an email from rob@robandpaul.ie with a link. **Please check you junk email folder if this does not arrive.** The link is active for 30 days.
- We do not publish all the information we ask you to provide. We ask you to provide this information to help you think through your PPI plans and to enable us to know that this is in fact a PPI opportunity, and not a request for research recruitment, outreach or some other reason. Check [out existing opportunities here](#) to see the information that is published.
- We invite you to provide your photo (it doesn't have to be of Instagram quality!). PPI contributors tell us that this helps them to trust the people behind the opportunity, the human face from the start encourages people to get involved.

Terms and Conditions

When you submit a PPI opportunity, we ask you to accept these terms and conditions:

I understand that the PPI Ignite Network does not know who contacts me through the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard and that it is my responsibility to assess whether a person who contacts me through the Noticeboard will be a good fit for my research and research team.

I agree that my research team and I will:

- Respond to each person who responds to the posting on the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard within 5 working days
- Adhere to the PPI Ignite Network Values and Principles Framework in our partnership with PPI Contributors
- Respect the confidentiality of each person who responds to the posting, I will not share any personal information or contact details **outside** of my immediate research team and will only share essential personal information and contact details **within** my own research team.
- Seek agreement from each person who becomes a PPI Contributor working with my research team before sharing any identifiable information at conferences or

public events, in communications materials or through any other communications channel.

- Comply with my/our institution's **Research Integrity** policy and any other policies around research ethics and research codes of best practices.

I also agree that I will provide anonymous data to the PPI Ignite Network on the number of contacts received through the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard.

Finding PPI contributors

Remember to identify the diversity that will benefit your particular research areas. Use the PPI Opportunities noticeboard but also consider contacting people through relevant community groups and patient charities ([see here a list of members of Health Research Charities Ireland](#), who run a PPI shared learning group for its members). [Read this blog](#)

Call to action

CONNECTING RESEARCHERS WITH PATIENTS & PUBLIC

SETTING UP A PPI GROUP FOR YOUR RESEARCH?
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR EXISTING GROUP?

OUR PPI OPPORTUNITIES NOTICEBOARD IS FOR YOU

CONTACT US

HELLO@PPINETWORK.IE WWW.PPINETWORK.IE

We are now inviting researchers in the groups outlines above to submit PPI Opportunities for inclusion in the launch of the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard. [Email us](#) if you have any queries.