

The University has agreed to join the Network for Evaluating and Researching University Participation Interventions (NERUPI) a collaboration of HEIs which aims to:

- ◆ develop members' expertise and capacity in evaluating widening participation interventions
- ◆ explore innovative, appropriate and rigorous approaches to evaluation
- ◆ generate collaborative research and evaluation projects

Membership of NERUPI enables partners to meet Office for Student requirements to:

- ◆ improve practice through better evaluation,
- ◆ evaluate robustly
- ◆ draw on expertise and relationships beyond your organisation.

(OfS Regulatory Notice 1: Access and Participation Plan guidance for 2019-20 page 12)

This memorandum of understanding Network for Evaluating and Researching University Participation Interventions (NERUPI) confirms the formal arrangements for subscribers

**This memorandum explains the benefits and arrangements for participation:**

**Participation in this project will offer partners:**

- ◆ access to the full NERUPI Framework
- ◆ specialist resources and tools from the members only section of the NERUPI website designed to support the planning, evaluation and reporting process
- ◆ a minimum of four expert workshops each year
- ◆ webinars on key topics including evaluation methods
- ◆ opportunities to join working groups on key topics
- ◆ attendance at the annual NERUPI Convention

**Per annum contributions for the period 2018-20**

The agreed costs to The University of Bath will be £1,500 per year, normally for two years, payable to NERUPI at the University of Bath. Partner institutions will be invoiced in July 2018 for the year July 2018 to June 19 and in July 2019 for the year July 2019 to June 2020. Membership commences on receipt of payment.

Subscriptions from NCOPs are welcome and will be based on the number of HEIs in the Consortium and the size of each of those institutions:

<b>HEI Size</b>	<b>Annual Subscription Cost</b>
<b>Under 3000 undergraduate students</b>	<b>£600</b>
<b>Over 3000 undergraduate students</b>	<b>£1500</b>

## Organisation

**Steering Group** NERUPI will be overseen by a Steering Group of elected members and will be located at the University of Bath which will provide office space, employment and financial services. Intellectual Property Rights will be retained by NERUPI.

**Academic Advisory Board** NERUPI will be advised and supported by an Academic Advisory Board chaired by Professor Jaqueline Stevenson, Sheffield Hallam University and includes Andrew Bengry, Bath Spa University, permanent Academic Adviser, Dr Neil Harrison, UWE Bristol and Mark Walmsley, University of East Anglia.

**Annette Hayton** will convene and manage the Network on behalf of the University of Bath which will provide office space, employment and financial services.

**Raesah Ellis-Haque** the NERUPI Development Officer will coordinate activities, update the website and support new members in applying and using the framework.

Participating HEIs will each identify a representative to attend an annual meeting (normally taking place at the NERUPI convention) which will contribute to the on-going review and development of the Network.

All partners to be consulted on whether they wish to continue to provide funding beyond the two year agreed period by March 2019, at the latest.

**Signed on behalf of the Network for Evaluating and Researching Participation Interventions (NERUPI):**

Signed: Annette Hayton

Position: Convenor, NERUPI,

Date:

**Signed on behalf of the University of XX:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign two copies, retain one copy for your records and send/email the other to:

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