

INSERT ORGANISATION has agreed to join the Network for Evaluating and Researching University Participation Interventions ('NERUPI'), a collaboration of higher education and related organisations which aims to:

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

This memorandum of understanding ('MOU') while not legally binding confirms the formal arrangement under which INSERT ORGANISATION joins NERUPI as a subscriber and explains the benefits and arrangements for participation.

**Participation in this project will offer INSERT ORGANISATION (at no cost except specified):**

- ◆ 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
- ◆ additional sessions on key topics including evaluation methods
- ◆ opportunities to join working groups on key topics
- ◆ participation in the annual NERUPI Convention (this will incur a small additional fee)

**Per annum contributions:**

The agreed costs per year are set out below. Fees are payable to NERUPI at the University of Bath. Subscriber organisations will be invoiced in or around May/June 2024 or on the joining date for the year July 2024 to June 2025. Subscription benefits commence on receipt of payment.

Subscriptions from Uni Connect and other organisations are welcomed and will be based on the type and size of the organisation.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Annual Subscription Cost 2024-25</b>
HEI under 3000 undergraduate students	£795
HEI over 3000 undergraduate students	£1,890
Uni Connect, consortia and other organisations	Variable

**NERUPI** will be located at the University of Bath which will provide office space, employment and financial services.

**Intellectual Property Rights** in all materials created by NERUPI will be retained by NERUPI at the University of Bath.

**Steering Group:** NERUPI will be overseen by a Steering Group of member representatives.

**Academic Advisory Board:** NERUPI will be advised and supported by an Academic Advisory Board chaired by **Professor Nicola Ingram, University College Cork**.

**Annette Hayton**, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bath, will convene and manage the Network on behalf of the University of Bath supported by the NERUPI Development Officers and the NERUPI Administrative Assistants.

**Participating organisations** 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.

**Confidentiality.** Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, this MOU, its existence and contents, and all the discussions and communications to date and in the future are confidential and both Parties agree not to disclose to any person any confidential information concerning the business, affairs, customers, clients or suppliers of the other Party, except: (a) to its employees, workers, contractors, officers, representatives, advisers who need to know such information; and (b) as may be required by law, a court of competent jurisdiction or any governmental or regulatory authority. INSERT ORGANISATION acknowledges that NERUPI is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and that NERUPI will, in its absolute discretion, determine which exemptions it shall apply in relation to requests for information under either the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

**Privacy.** NERUPI shall always during the term of this MOU (and to the extent applicable following its expiry), comply with NERUPI's Privacy Policy as detailed on NERUPI's website.

**Compliance with Laws.** Each Party shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to laws relating to data protection, modern slavery, and anti-bribery.

**Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This MOU and any disputes arising out of or relating to this MOU shall be governed on an exclusive basis by the laws of England and Wales and be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

**Termination.** This MOU will commence on the date shown below and operate until terminated by either party giving a written notice of termination to the other party (NERUPI's address for notice is [NERUPI@bath.ac.uk](mailto:NERUPI@bath.ac.uk)). INSERT ORGANISATION may terminate this MOU with four weeks' notice at any time for convenience by writing to NERUPI's address given at NERUPI's website (i.e., [NERUPI@bath.ac.uk](mailto:NERUPI@bath.ac.uk)). No refund of membership contribution fees will be made.

**Entire Agreement.** This MOU shall form the entire agreement between the parties. This MOU may not be modified, amended or otherwise varied except in writing and signed by the authorised representatives of the parties.

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

Signed:

Position: Senior Research Fellow & NERUPI Convenor, University of Bath

Date: **06/09/2024**

**Signed on behalf of INSERT ORGANISATION:**

Signature:

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Name (please print):

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Position:

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Date:

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Please sign two copies, retain one copy for your records and email the other to: [nerupi@bath.ac.uk](mailto:nerupi@bath.ac.uk).