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Building research capacity across the region: ARC KSS academy

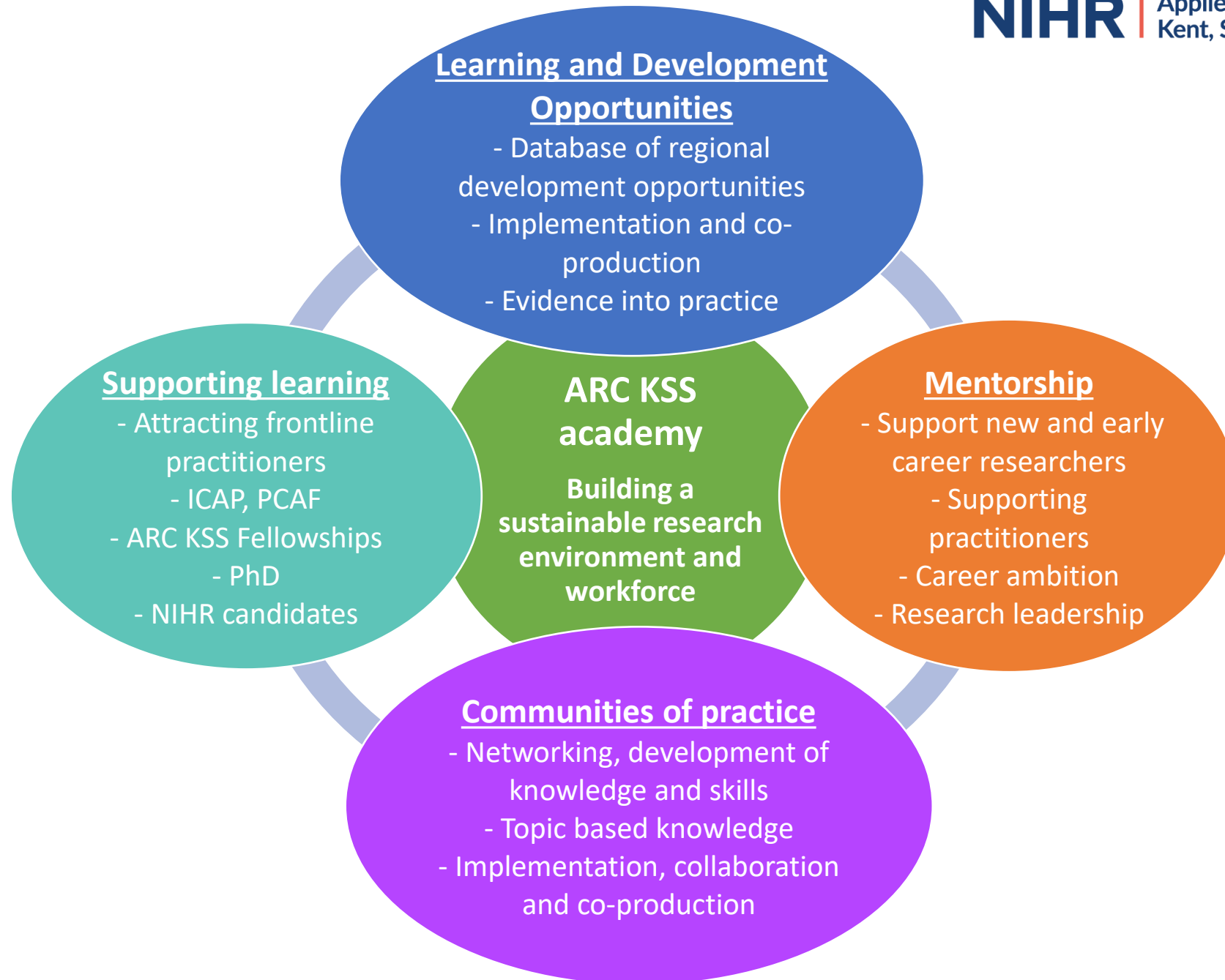
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Aims of today's session

- To introduce and discuss the concept of Communities of Practice
- To invite individuals to give short presentations of their research with the objective of discussion leading to:
 - Sharing of ideas, networking, building partnerships and stimulation of learning and knowledge brokerage.
- To introduce the idea of using online methods of building a Community of Practice
- To consider how we go forwards with Communities of Practice for researchers in health and social care in the ARC-KSS





Communities of Practice

- **Developing CoPs for ECRs and PhD students** - session being presented on 12 July during Researcher's Week.
- **ARC KSS Collaboration Hub (Glasscubes)** – encouraging the use of the platform as a tool to share resources and network.

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What are Communities of Practice?

Communities of practice are groups who share a concern and passion about an issue, and deepen their knowledge and expertise about their profession by interacting regularly (Wenger, McDermott, & Snyder, 2002).

- Communities of Practice offer the essential opportunity for evidence (explicit knowledge) to be integrated with individual and collective tacit knowledge, with the result that evidence can be implemented to produce a change in practice (Sandars, 2006)



Communities Of Practice In Health Research

- Communities of practice have a wide application as a social theory of learning, focusing on how people learn in a social environment (Lave and Wenger, 1991) and develop mutual engagement, joint enterprise and a shared repertoire as they deepen knowledge and expertise by interacting on an on-going basis (Wenger, 1998; Wenger et al, 2002).
- In health, communities of practice avail practitioners with the opportunity share and reflect upon practice while drawing up on and melding together expertise from research, clinical experience, patient, clients and carers and the local context, to build a robust evidence-base ([Rycroft-Malone et al., 2004](#))
- Online CoPs can help health professionals improve networking, dialogue and promoting life-long learning especially where teams are generally distributed or professionally isolated ([Koh et al., 2007](#); [Urquhart et al., 2002](#))



Added benefits of developing an Online Community of Practice

- Means of sharing tacit knowledge – Instinct, gut feeling, hunches etc.
- Support mobile/remote working
- Facilitate team work- especially among distributed workforce
- Enhance members awareness of wider issues
- Provide horizontal exchange of knowledge and bridge gap in information exchange between novices/newcomers and experts
- Increase access to technical resources and research
- Provide a repository for document exchange
- Provide a means for knowledge to cross boundaries (geographical, Interprofessional etc.)
- Innovate and create breakthrough ideas



Glasscubes as a way of developing the CoP

The screenshot shows the NIHR ARC KSS Collaboration Hub dashboard. The top navigation bar includes the NIHR logo, the text 'Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex', a search bar, and user profile icons. A left-hand navigation menu contains icons for home, checkmarks, layers, and a document. The main content area features a welcome message: 'Welcome to the ARC KSS Collaboration Hub. This is a collaborative space for applied health and social care researchers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Join our themes using the links below or from the 'Public workspaces' option in the left hand navigation menu. Contact us on: ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk'. Below this is a summary of activity for the last 30 days: 99+ recent files, 99+ file updates, 30 recent posts, 0 tasks completed, and 0 tasks created. A post by Debbie Hayward (DH) from the ARC KSS Academy, posted 2 hours ago, is titled 'ARC KSS new Individual Development Awards for Applied Health and Social Care Research'. The post includes a small image of a person and text stating that ARC KSS has launched its second round of Individual Development Awards (IDAs) to support research careers. To the right of the main content are two sidebars: 'ARC KSS collaboration hub notifications' with instructions on managing email notifications, and 'Help with using the collaboration hub' with instructions on finding help articles and a video. The bottom of the page shows the URL: https://arckss.glasscubes.com/company/dashboard?3-1.ILinkListener-topHeaderLinksPanel-logoHomeLink.

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Welcome to the ARC KSS Collaboration Hub

This is a collaborative space for applied health and social care researchers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Join our themes using the links below or from the 'Public workspaces' option in the left hand navigation menu. Contact us on: ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

ARC KSS academy | Public and Community Involvement and Engagement | Research theme hub

Activity Last 30 days

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Debbie Hayward (DH) 2 hours ago - ARC KSS Academy

ARC KSS new Individual Development Awards for Applied Health and Social Care Research

ARC KSS has launched its second round of Individual Development Awards (IDAs), to help support individuals to build their research careers across the region. All Awards need to closely align with one or more of the ARC KSS research themes and will be allocated to applicants that can demon [See more](#)

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ARC KSS collaboration hub notifications

Manage email notifications through your account settings (top right drop down). Use Follow/unfollow themes button at the top of discussion boards too.

Help with using the collaboration hub

To find help and how to articles, use the help bubble icon at the bottom right of the screen. A short introductory video to the collaboration hub will be on our YouTube channel soon.

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