

ARC KSS Research Symposium

Advancing Inclusive Research

Equity, partnership, and participation in applied research

Thursday 17 September 2026, 9.30am-4.00pm

Darwin Conference Suite, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ

- How to get to the University of Kent, Canterbury - [Directions](#)
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PROGRAMME		
Time	Session	Lead
09.30-10.00	Registration and refreshments	
10.00-10.10	Welcoming attendees and setting the stage for the day of learning and collaboration	Dr Julie MacInnes, NIHR ARC KSS Research Capacity Building Lead, Beth Flowers, ARC KSS Academy Manager
10.10-10.45	Keynote Speaker	Professor Stephen Peckham, Director of ARC KSS
10.45-11.20	Health in places <i>Delivery of public health, who does it, and what we need to do to address the evidence and the evidence implementation gap</i>	Dr Sarah Hotham, Senior Research Fellow (CHSS), Professor Lindsay Forbes, Interim Director of CHSS
11.20- 11.30am Refreshments		
11.30-12.10	Knowledge Mobilisation: Interactive Activity	Dr Julie MacInnes, NIHR ARC KSS Research Capacity Building Lead Beth Flowers, ARC KSS Academy Manager
12.10-12.30	Centre for Advanced Diagnostics Development and Application (CADDA): How can CADDA support your journey?	Diala Nikolaeva, CADDA Project Coordinator Laura Simpson, Project Manager, BioScience
12.30-13.30 Lunch and ViPER Presentations		
13.30-14.45	Building partnerships with communities for inclusive research: <i>This session will introduce the Research Engagement Network, outlining how we operate and how we can work with ARC, alongside examples of our impact through Community Researcher, Health & Care, and VCSE case studies</i>	Virginia Govoni, REN Sussex Lily Keck, REN Kent
14.45-15.10	Research Poster Competition • Winners announced • ViPER Winners announced	Dr Julie MacInnes, NIHR ARC KSS Research Capacity Building Lead
15.10-15.20	Round up and Close	Beth Flowers, ARC KSS Academy Manager
15.20-16.00	Networking Opportunity	

