

18 public engagement pilot projects

Highlights



Aims

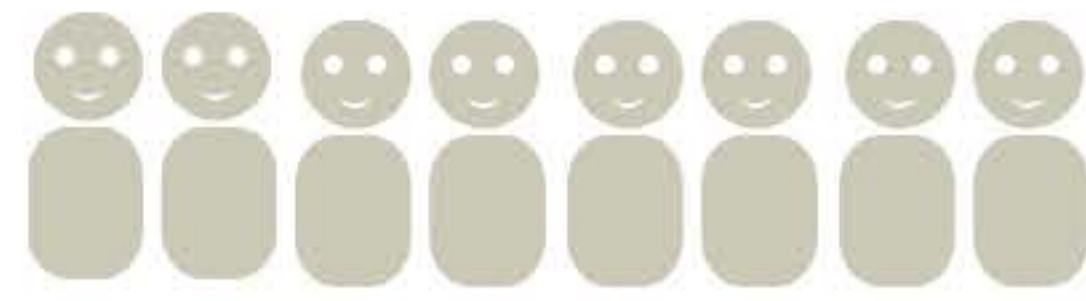
- Engage with environmental science contemporary issues
- Build public engagement capacity
- Build partnerships between researchers, 'publics' and partners

£500k investment

£11-40k cost range



72% included early career researcher funding



Who are 'the public'?

- African & Caribbean communities in Bristol
- Caerau Community Centre in Wales
- Environmental policy-makers
- Exmoor Hill Farming Network
- Gardening enthusiasts
- Milton Keynes locals
- Swansea waterfront museum visitors
- Western Scottish Isles schools
- Wildlife Trust volunteers

Issues

- pollution
- climate change
- green infrastructure
- energy
- pollinators
- water quality
- carbon capture
- flooding
- ocean acidification
- invasive species
- rewilding
- air quality

In the media



@airweshare
Just 15% of people feel informed about local [Yorkshire] air quality!
"#airweshare #airpollution"



Newsround feature
"The kids helping Scotland's coastal wildlife"



Ilkley Gazette
"Scientists in Centenary Square as they draw up report on pollution"



Green & Black Radio
"Bringing together sustainability, environmental issues and BME communities."

7 citizen science projects

8 museum & exhibition displays

training for early-career researchers & PhD students 24



school visits 31

Partnerships and reach

26 universities



45 external partners



NERC Centres
Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
National Centre for Atmospheric Science

Community groups
Ujima Radio

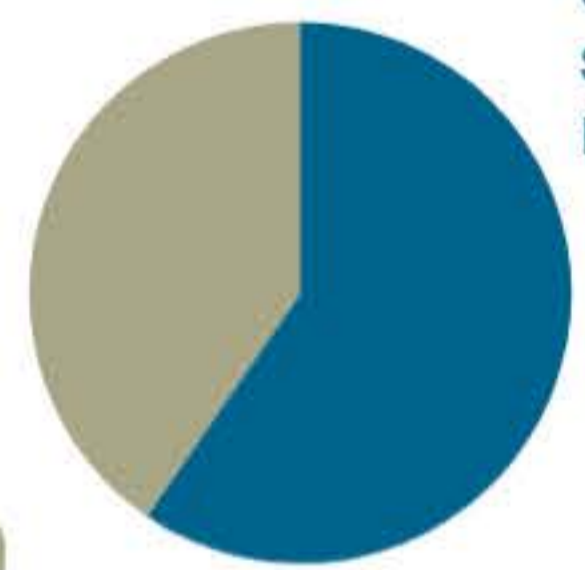
Government and local councils
Environment Agency
Leeds, York and Edinburgh Councils
Met Office

Industry partners
Bristol Water

Museums and science centres
National Museum Wales/Amgueddfa Cymru

Charities and NGOs
Earthwatch Europe
National Trust
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
Wildlife Trusts

146 environmental science researchers



99 early-career researchers and PhD students

Benefits to society

"opinions taken into consideration"
"people... would like to be involved with citizen science projects"

Benefits to researchers

"skills in social science research"
"alternatives to academic sources of knowledge"

Benefits to research

"increased the network of community groups and academics that we work with in London"

"...significantly raised the research profile of those involved..."

Prof. R. Brazier
University of Exeter

"...inclusion must mean that our [BME (Black & Minority Ethnic communities')] insight & expertise is seen as valid & necessary, to the discussion around climate change and sustainability...."

Zakiya McKenzie
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