

EDGE self-assessment matrix

Mission

This tool allows you to assess your institution's support for public engagement. You can access a guide to how to use the tool here: www.publicengagement.ac.uk/edge-tool

You are welcome to use the EDGE tool for non-commercial educational purposes, where credit is given to the NCCPE.



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Focus	EMBRYONIC 	DEVELOPING 	GRIPPING 	EMBEDDING 
Embedding in mission	Public engagement is not addressed explicitly in the institutional mission or in departmental / institution-wide strategies.	public engagement is referenced sporadically within the institutional mission documents and strategies, but is not considered a priority area.	Work is underway to review the institution's commitment to public engagement, in order to articulate a set of strategic priorities and embed these in the institutional mission and other relevant strategies.	Public engagement is prioritised in the institution's official mission and in other key departmental / institution-wide strategies, with success indicators identified.
Shared understanding of public engagement and its value	The term is used inconsistently and infrequently and very few staff have an understanding or appreciation of what it means or its relevance to their work.	References to public engagement appear in some institutional strategies and plans, but there is no institution-wide definition for public engagement.	Consultation is underway with internal and external stakeholders to share understandings of public engagement and its purpose, and to develop a shared definition.	The institution has consulted widely with internal and external stakeholders to develop a definition for public engagement and its purpose and value which is used consistently.
Strategic planning	There is no official strategic plan for advancing public engagement.	Although some short- and long-term goals for public engagement have been defined, these have not been formalized into an official strategic plan that will guide their implementation.	Work is underway to develop an official strategic plan for public engagement.	The institution has developed an official strategic plan for advancing public engagement, which includes viable short-term and long-term goals. A senior individual / team has formal responsibility for monitoring progress.
Alignment with other priorities	Public engagement rarely features as a component within wider institutional initiatives.	Public engagement occasionally features within wider institutional initiatives, but in a relatively piecemeal way.	Processes are being developed to ensure that public engagement is routinely considered during strategic planning.	Public engagement is routinely considered during strategic planning and institution-wide developments.