Building successful partnerships for policy-relevant research

The course is facilitated by Ms Sian Rudge, Head Evidence for Action Division at the Sax Institute.

DAY 1	Session
9.30-10.30am	**Welcome and introduction**
10.30 – 10.45am	**Break**
MODULE: AGREEING A RESEARCH PROJECT	
10.45 – 12.30pm	**Different ways of working with policy agencies** **Guest Speaker: Associate Professor Mary Haines** **Outcomes:** • Understands the pros and cons of three common ways (commissioned work, partnership, co-production) of working in partnership with policy agencies • Understands some key factors underpinning successful commissioned research
12.30 – 1.30	**Lunch**
MODULE: UNDERSTANDING THE POLICY CONTEXT AND HOW RESEARCH FITS	
1.30 – 2.45	**Introduction to the policy environment and the role of research in policy** **Guest speaker: Adjunct Associate Professor Sarah Thackway, NSW Ministry of Health** **Outcome:** • Can outline the things that matter to policy makers when they engage with research or researchers: a) Understand the policy process and environment b) Understand how research(ers) can inform policy c) Outline some of the key things that matter to policy agencies when they engage with researchers.
2.45 – 3.15	**Setting the scene – Why and how do researchers and policy makers work together?**
3.15 – 3.30	**Break**
MODULE: BUILDING AND MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS	
3.30 – 4.45	**Identifying the building blocks of successful partnerships** **Outcome:** • Can outline the key principles underpinning successful partnerships and demonstrate understanding of associated behaviours
	Building a new relationship with a policy agency **Outcomes:** • Can identify the key interests of a policy agency • Can identify and engage key individuals within the agency • Can name a number of strategies for building a relationship with agencies
	Systems for strong partnerships **Outcome:** • Can identify the key governance processes that should be implemented to help establish, develop and maintain a successful partnership.
4.45 – 5.00pm	**Wrap up and close the day**

DAY 2	Session
9.30 – 9.45am	**Review and open Day 2**
9.45-10.30am	**Engaging a policy maker with your research idea: Part 1. Developing a frame for a research idea** **Guest Speaker: Dr Carmen Huckel Schneider,** **Outcome:** • Can develop a frame for a research idea to meet the interests of the agency
10.30 – 10.45am	**Break**
10.45 – 11.30am	**Engaging a policy maker with your research idea: Part 2. Opening a conversation about a research idea** **Guest Speaker: Dr Carmen Huckel Schneider** **Outcome:** • Can open a conversation with policy about a research idea.
11.30am– 12.15pm	**Engaging a policy maker with your research idea. Part 3. Proposing partnerships** **Guest Speaker: Dr Carmen Huckel Schneider** **Outcome:** • Knows how to ask a policy maker to participate in partnership research
12.15 – 1.15pm	**Lunch**
MODULE: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION	
1.15 – 1.45pm	**Communicating the outcomes of partnership research** **Outcome:** • Can disseminate and communicate findings and implications for policy clearly and simply within a partnership.
1.45 - 2.45pm	**Effective communication of research findings to policy** **Guest Speaker: Mr Adam Cresswell, Chief Communications Officer Sax Institute** **Outcome:** • Can disseminate and communicate findings and implications for policy clearly and simply.
2.45 – 3.00pm	**Break**
3.00 – 4.00pm	**Effective communication of research findings to policy** **Guest Speaker: Mr Adam Cresswell, Chief Communications Officer Sax Institute**
4.00 - 4.30pm	**Having an impact** **Outcome:** • Can plan suite of strategies to maximise likelihood of impact.
4.30 – 5.00pm	**Review and wrap up**

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