



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin



PPI in funding applications

Dean's Research Initiative Fund Info Session

Dr Liz Farsaci

Programme Manager, Trinity PPI Ignite Office

23 June 2026





Presentation outline

- PPI – Helpful definitions
- PPI and this funding application: a few pointers
- PPI resources



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

TRINITY
PPI IGNITE
OFFICE



What is Public and Patient Involvement?

A helpful definition



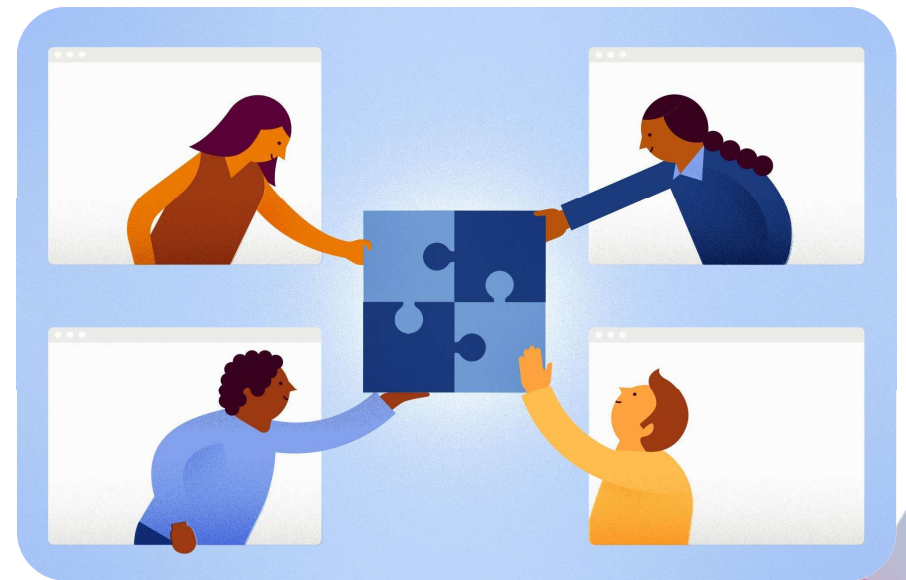
Public involvement in research is: “Research carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them.”

UK National Institute for Health and Care Research

Definition within Dean's funding call

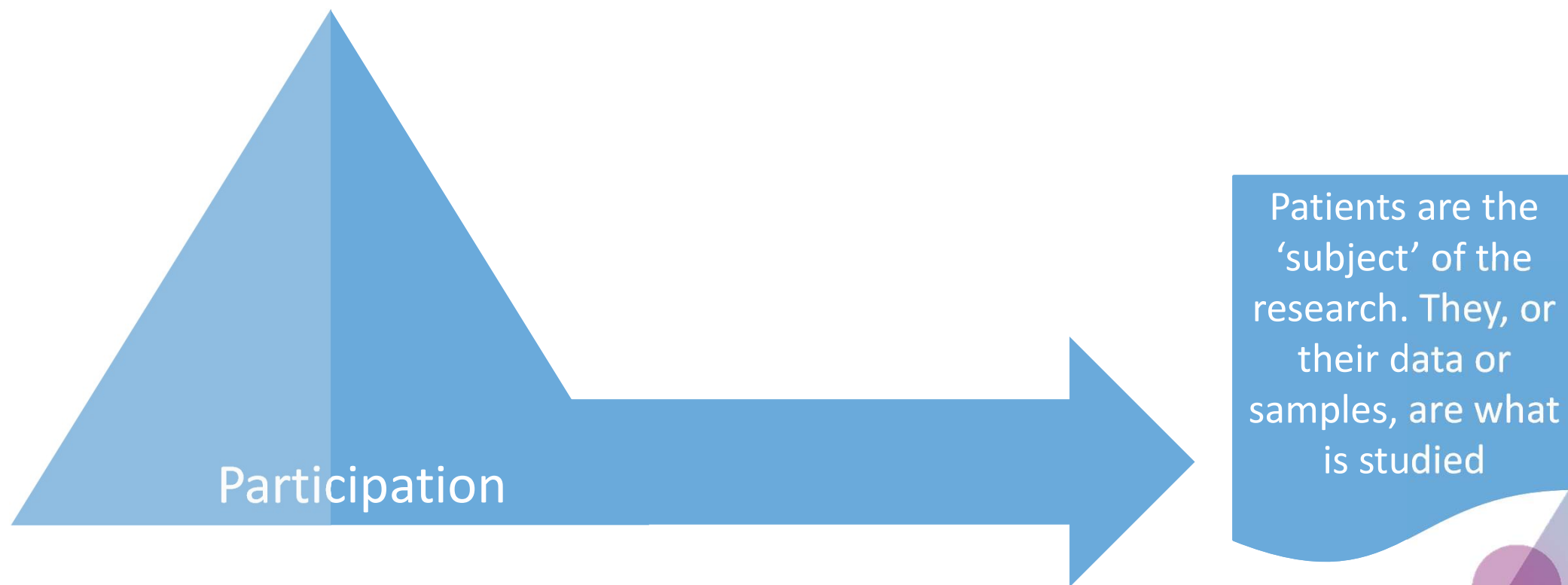
“PPI denotes collaboration between academic researchers and members of the public or patients with lived experience of the research topic.”

“PPI improves the relevancy of the research question, the quality of the approach and the likelihood that what is discovered through the research can and will be used.”



What is Public and Patient Involvement?

Participation vs Engagement vs Involvement



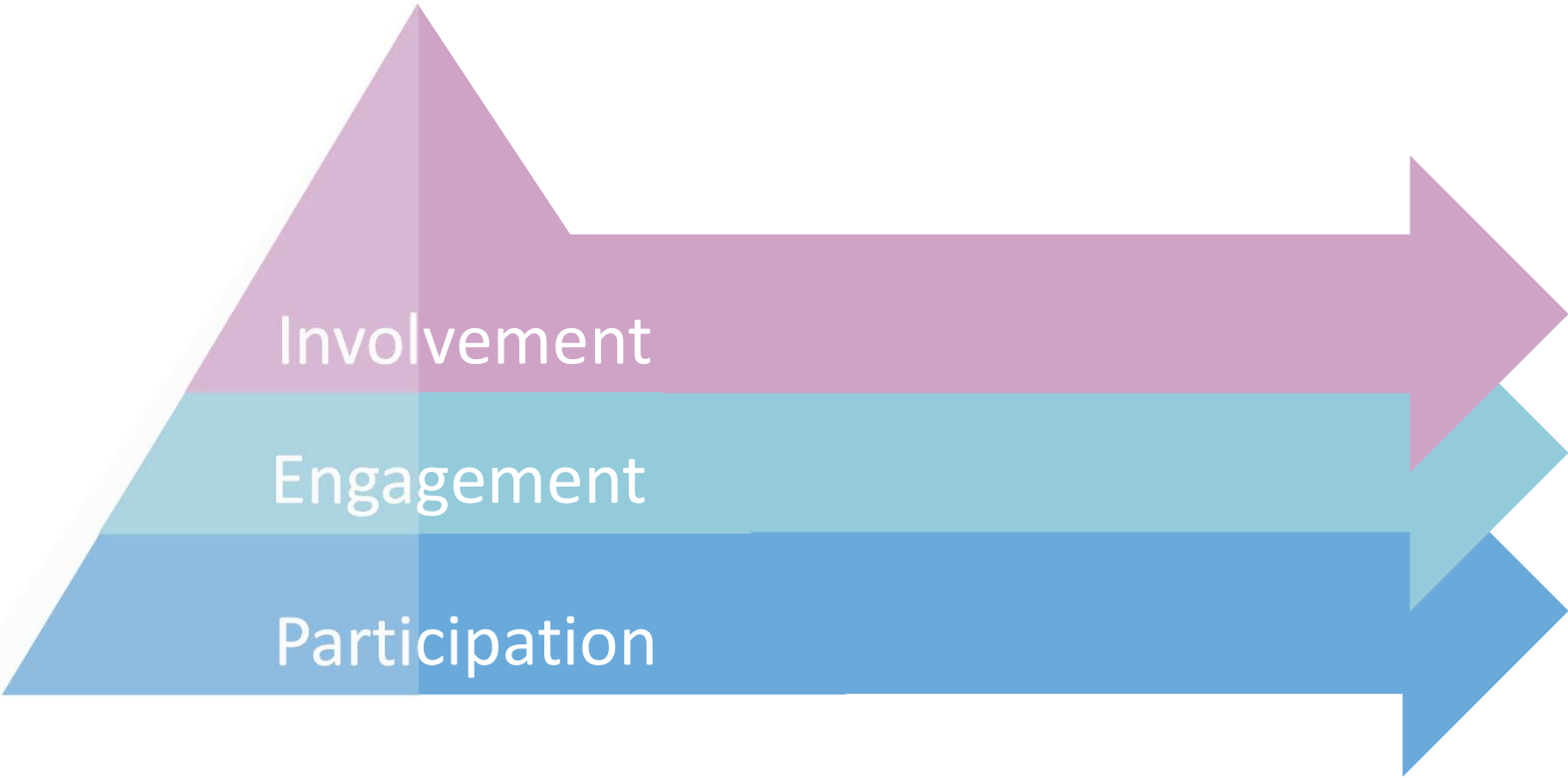
What is Public and Patient Involvement?

Participation vs Engagement vs Involvement



What is Public and Patient Involvement?

Participation vs Engagement vs Involvement



Involvement

Engagement

Participation

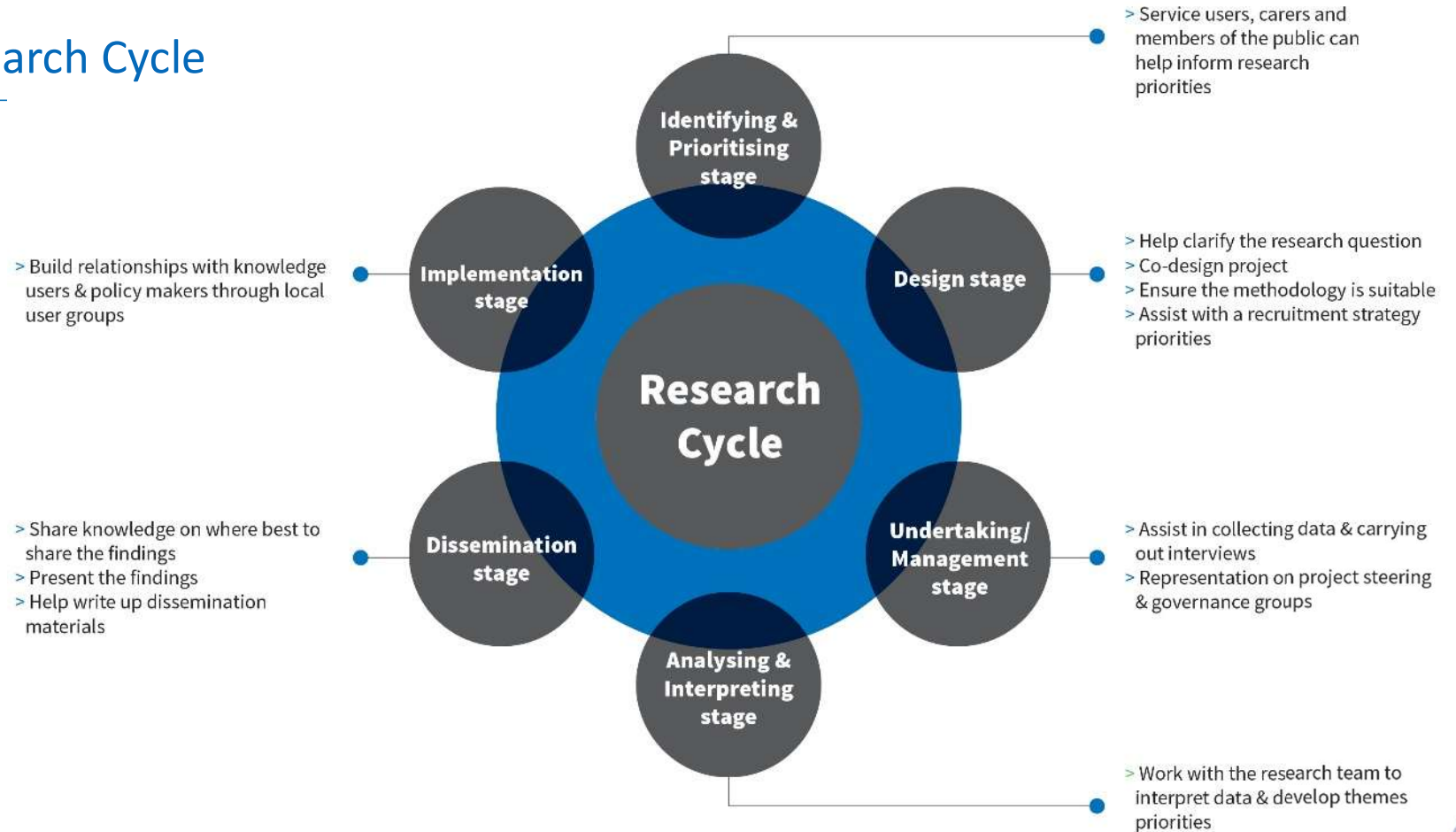
Patients are working in partnership with the research team across the research cycle

the research

what is studied

How to do Public and Patient Involvement?

The Research Cycle



Credit: Adapted from the Health Research Board

PPI in Funding Applications

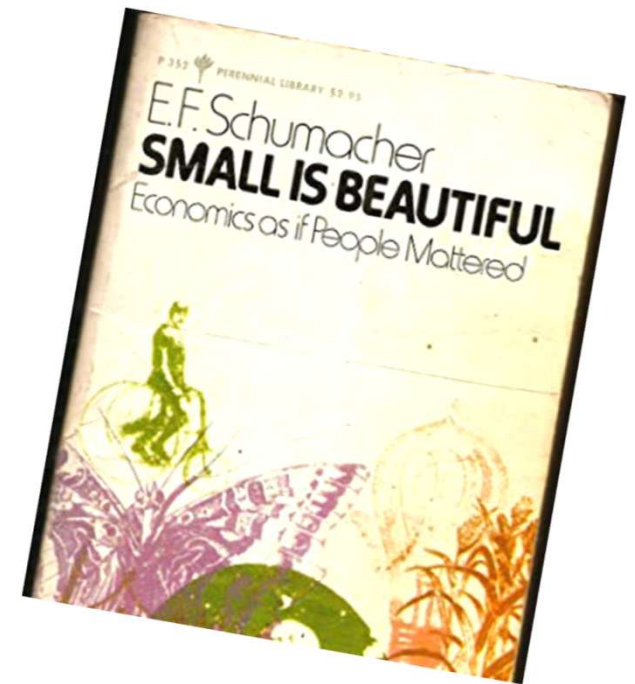


How can involvement with PPI contributors be meaningful in this project?

How can we co-design this research with academic experts and experts by experience?

Who are the PPI contributors?

Is lived experience meaningfully represented on the research team?



Demonstrate that you've thought these through

Levels of involvement

- What level of involvement is there/will there be?
- Will there be greater involvement in some stages of the research cycle?

Logistics

- Does your financial compensation match the level of involvement?
- Demonstrate that you have considered and discussed financial compensation, mechanisms for this, coverage of travel expenses, etc
- Budget for these items!

Have you created a Terms of Reference that will outline all this?

Impact and dissemination

- What impact does the research team (academics & PPI contributors) want this project to have?
- What would a “pathway to impact” look like? How does the research project have an impact?
- What are the plans for dissemination?
- How will this research make a difference to people’s lives?

PPI Resources

PPI Impact Framework:

<https://ppinetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/PPI-Ignite-Network-Impact-Framework-Summary-FLYER-2026.pdf>

PPI Impact Framework Report (with more info):

<https://ppinetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/PPI-Ignite-Network-Impact-Framework-Report-2026.pdf>

PPI Ignite Network Values & Principles

<https://ppinetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/PPIIgniteValuesPrinciplesFramework2022.pdf>

Quality Improvement in Public and Patient Involvement

<https://ppinetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Framework-for-QI-in-PPI.pdf>

Thank you



PPI Ignite Network
Values and Principles

