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Workshop

Beyond the Lab: Integrating Patient Perspectives into Doctoral Studies

Delmenhorst, 10.-11. July 2025

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Program

Thursday, 10. July 2025

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| 14:00 – 15:30 | Introduction to Patient and Public Involvement
<i>The workshop begins with an introduction to the principles and importance of Patient and Public Involvement in health and social care research. This session will cover the definitions, rationale, and ethical imperatives behind involving patients and the public in the research process.</i> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | PPI in practice – Examples from dementia, learning disability and mental health research
<i>This session presents real-world case studies demonstrating how PPI has been successfully integrated into research projects in areas such as dementia, learning disabilities, and psychiatry. Researchers and public contributors will share their experiences, highlighting best practices, key lessons learned, and the value added by meaningful involvement. Meanwhile participants can create a compilation of ideas for their own PhD projects.</i> |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Panel Discussion
<i>The panel will reflect on the themes of the day and answer questions of the participants. It can be complemented by an interactive group work.</i> |
| 19:00 | DINNER
<i>An opportunity for participants to continue conversations informally over dinner.</i> |

Friday, 11. July 2025

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| 9:00 – 10:30 | Group Work: How to involve patients in PhD projects
<i>Participants will break into small groups to develop a concept paper for involving patients and the public in their own PhD research. This hands-on session encourages creative thinking and peer collaboration, with support from experienced facilitators.</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | Presentation and Discussion of Ideas
<i>Groups will present their proposed approaches to involving patients in their projects. These presentations will be followed by a collaborative discussion, offering constructive feedback.</i> |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Outlook: Published PPI
<i>This session focuses on the growing body of published work related to PPI. Participants will learn how to document and disseminate PPI activities in academic publications, including tips on co-authorship, reporting standards, and demonstrating impact.</i> |
| 14:00 | LUNCH
<i>The workshop concludes with a final lunch, giving participants a chance to reflect, connect further, and plan potential collaborations.</i> |