

# ECR Call for Papers – Lifelong Ageing: a workshop for early career researchers, charities and the third sector



Applications are now open for early career researchers (ECRs) to apply to showcase their work at our Lifelong Ageing workshop on lifecourse approaches to ageing. See below for details and please email our Research Associate Joe Wood ([joe.a.wood@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:joe.a.wood@kcl.ac.uk)) with any questions.

## Event details

Date: Wednesday 17th May 2023

Location: Science Gallery London, SE1 9GU

Ageing is too often seen as an inevitable period of decline at the end of our lives. Our UKRI-funded research programme The Sciences of Ageing and the Culture of Youth (SAACY), based at the Centre for the Humanities and Health, looks at how we can overcome cultural pessimism towards ageing by understanding ageing as a lifelong process of change rather than something that happens at the end of our lives. **Older age poses challenges and opportunities just like every other phase in life.** In particular, we are interested in changing perceptions of the biology of ageing by looking, for example, at how scientific research and funding has been influenced by, and itself corroborates, cultural assumptions about the ageing process.

As part of our project, this Lifelong Ageing workshop brings together ECRs taking a lifecourse perspective of ageing with interested participants from local and national charities and other third sector organisations. Through a range of ECR talks and opportunities to network, we want to start conversations between third sector partners invested in policy-making and up-and-coming researchers working in this field. We will invite specific non-academic attendees based on the ECRs presenting but we also hope to have representation from our Project Partners, who include:

- Age UK
- The Centre for Policy on Ageing
- The Pam Britton Trust for Dementia
- The Centre for Ageing Better
- Ageing Well Brighton & Hove
- Hackney Council

Attendance will be free and include refreshments and lunch.

### What's in it for me as an ECR?

- you get to showcase your research to an interested external audience
- you have the chance to develop ongoing relationships with non-academic partners that might inform your research and improve its impact
- you have the opportunity to discover the impact potential of your project through future collaborations

## How to participate

We welcome applications from ECRs whose work engages with the idea that **ageing isn't something bad that happens to you at the end of your life but, instead, is something that happens to you throughout your life.**



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Available formats:

- 15-minute papers designed for a non-specialist audience
- 5-minute 'lightening talks' showcasing a key aspect of your research
- a 'market stall' – a table at our lunchtime networking session, perfect for giving out further details, gameifying your research, prompting conversations with objects, etc.

Indicative themes (feel free to contribute on other topics):

- Life-cycle approaches
- Memory loss
- Mobility issues
- Loneliness and/or hardship
- Health inequalities/inequities
- Elders and elderhood
- Intergenerational solidarity
- Dying and death
- Community and relationality
- Marginalised communities

ECR participants can be from any field or department, including social sciences, arts and humanities, or clinical and patient-facing research. Your work is likely to be interdisciplinary but relevant subdisciplines might include gerontology, geriatrics, medical/health humanities, public and social policy, or ageing studies. We are flexible with defining 'ECR' and happy to include anyone who understands themselves to be early career.

To apply, please follow [this link](#) to our Microsoft Form application page and submit the following by **5pm Monday 23 January 2023**:

- an abstract outlining your talk or table idea (max. 200 words)
- an answer to the following question (max. 100 words): 'why does your research matter to this audience?'
- a short biography of yourself (50-100 words)

We are able to offer a limited number of UK travel bursaries for speakers. If you would like to be considered, please include initial details in the optional travel section about where you're likely to be travelling from and whether you might require accommodation in London on the night of the Tuesday 16 May 2023.