



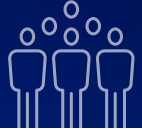
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# Institute for Lifecourse and Society - ILAS

## *Public Policy Innovation Series*



## Research-Policy Engagement: Researcher Perspectives from Ireland and the UK

This seminar organised in partnership with CÚRAM Research Ireland Centre for Medical Devices, will be of interest to all researchers seeking to further the policy impact potential of their work. The seminar includes a series of short presentations from ILAS and CÚRAM researchers on their experiences engaging with policymakers in Ireland, and the role of engaged research methods, including Public and Patient Involvement (PPI), in policy influence and impact.

**DATE:** Thursday, 6th November 2025

**TIME:** 14:00-16:30

**VENUE:** Seminar Room, Biomedical Sciences Building, University of Galway.

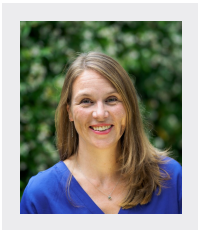
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Our guest speaker Sarah Chaytor, Co-Founder and current Co-Chair of UPEN (University Policy Engagement Network, UK) and University College London (UCL), will share her experiences of research-policy engagement in the UK, through her work with UPEN and beyond.

This event is part of the ILAS Public Policy Innovation Series and runs as part of an ongoing collaboration between ILAS and CÚRAM's Science Advocacy Training Programme.

INVITATION

# Speaker



**Sarah Chaytor** is Director of Strategy & Policy and Joint Chief of Staff for UCL Research, Innovation and Global Engagement. She established and oversees the UCL Public Policy programme to strengthen connections between UCL's research and public policymaking.

Sarah co-founded and is a Co-Chair of UPEN. As Director of Programmes, she provides strategic direction and oversees coordination of UPEN Programmes work (supported by a £6m UKRI award). She is a Visiting Professor of Practice at Newcastle University, Vice President (Policy & Partnerships) at the British Science Association, and a Co-Director of the Research on Research Institute CIC. From 2020-24 she led the £10 million Capabilities in Academic-Policy Engagement (CAPE) project and from 2023-24 was Principal Investigator of the ESRC-funded International Public Policy Observatory.

## Schedule

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| 14:00 | Tea, Coffee & Light Refreshments                                                                               |
| 14:30 | Introductions from ILAS and CÚRAM.                                                                             |
| 14:45 | <b>"Engaged Research for Policy Impact".</b><br><i>Dr Brendan Dolan, Institute for Lifecourse and Society.</i> |
| 15:00 | ILAS and CÚRAM Researcher Perspectives on engaging with Policymakers.                                          |
| 15:30 | <b>"Academic-Policy Engagement in the UK".</b><br><i>Sarah Chaytor, University College London.</i>             |
| 16:00 | Discussion   Q & A.                                                                                            |
| 16:30 | Close.                                                                                                         |

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