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The Big Evidence Fortnight

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Blackpool Researching Together are hosting The BIG Evidence Fortnight. Two weeks of expert led events to help you use research and evidence in everyday work to improve lives in Blackpool.

The BIG Evidence Fortnight will take place from Monday 20 April, until Friday 1 May.

Joined by experts from the world of research and evidence, there are 18 sessions on offer. A mix of themes and specialties, there is something relevant for everyone!

Sessions will be held in-person or online. In person events due to take place between Bickerstaffe House, and the Holiday Inn.

Open invite for anyone who wants to build confidence in research and use evidence to make stronger decisions and support better outcomes in their everyday work.

The Big Evidence Fortnight timetable

Here is an overview of the events and speakers.

Visit the [full programme](#) to access all events or click the sessions below to learn more and register.

Week 1

Date	Time	Event
Monday 20 April	10.00am to 11.00am	The lost art of policymaking Rachael Walker (Better Policy)
Monday 20 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	What can your local Health Determinants Research Collaboration do for you? Blackpool Researching Together team
Tuesday 21 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Creating opportunities for lived experience to shape research Neil Caton (Lancaster University), Matthew Parker (NIHR HDRC Blackpool/Healthwatch Blackpool), Emma Rowicki (Boingboing Foundation), Sharon Hird (Healthwatch Blackpool), Buket Kara (Lancaster University)
Wednesday 22 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Bringing community voice and evidence into decision-making in Blackpool Amy Butler (Empowerment Charity)

Wednesday 22 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Seed funding showcase: Identifying the social value of Revue Library Chad Bentley (Libraries Connected) and Alan Woods (Blackpool Council)
Thursday 23 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Creative community engagement to address health inequalities in coastal communities Barbara Mezes (Liverpool University) and Sue Flowers (Green Close)
Thursday 23 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Research approaches to exploring inequalities in long-term and end-of-life care in Blackpool Maddy French, Sian Russell, and Andy Harding (Lancaster University)
Friday 24 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Coffee with the Co-researchers: Networking session Blackpool Researching Together Co-researchers

Week 2

Date	Time	Event
Monday 27 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Most significant change: Applying the evaluation methodology in practice Nick Andrews (Swansea University)
Monday 27 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Resource allocation and economic evaluation in local government settings Katharina Janke and Hebatallah Ali (Lancaster University)
Tuesday 28 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Research opportunities and pathways for practitioners across health and social care Katy Cleece (Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust) and the NIHR Research Support Service (RSS) Specialist Centre for Social Care
Wednesday 29 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Demystifying the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Stephen Boydell (Blackpool Council)
Wednesday 29 April	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Embedding co-production best practice in Blackpool: Learning to date and future ambitions Michaela Goodridge and the Co-production Team (Blackpool Council)
Thursday 30 April	10.00am to 11.00am	Use of data and epidemiological analysis in public sector settings Luigi Sedda (Lancaster University)
Thursday 30 April	1.00pm to 2.30pm	Equipped for evaluation: Planning and designing high quality health and wellbeing evaluations Gemma Coupe and Amanda Seims (Lancaster University)
Friday 1 May	10.00am to 11.30am	Co-designing an evaluation framework for Blackpool Council Heather Catt (Blackpool HDRC)

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