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(CLAHRC South London)



## **ARVAC ANNUAL LECTURE**

**‘Patient and Public involvement - the role of the community  
in health and social care research.’**

**17 July 2018, 14:00—16:00**

at the  
Burroughs Room  
Wellcome Collection  
183 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE

ARVAC is worldwide the oldest national association in the field of community research, its mission to bring together academics, practitioners and policy makers. We are delighted to jointly host this event with the University of East Anglia, CLAHRC East of England, CLAHRC South London, Shaping our Lives and The Wellcome Trust. As in previous years, the ARVAC Annual Lecture offers the chance to hear and discuss key issues with eminent speakers from the academic and voluntary and community sectors. This year’s focus is on Patient and Public Involvement and the role the Community will play in health and social care research.

We expect to see in the next decade a substantial increase in Patient and Public Involvement in research and efforts to undertake it more sustainable and impactful. While important components such as the recently published National Standards for Public Involvement have been put into place, the way they are understood and implemented will now need to be revisited and tested.

The argument for research to be carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them, may have been accepted, however, whether and how the practice will live up to the standards that have been set will need to be seen and how they are best implemented will need to be discussed.

**Colin Rochester** will chair the event.

Colin worked in and with the voluntary sector and volunteers for 45 years – first as practitioner and manager and then as researcher, consultant and academic. He is a Partner in the consultancy Practical Wisdom R2Z and the author of *Rediscovering Voluntary Action* (2013) and co-author of *'Volunteering and Society in the 21st Century'* (2010).

This year's speakers are

**Peter Beresford** OBE is Professor of Citizen Participation at the University of Essex, Co-Chair of Shaping Our Lives, the national disabled people's and service users' organization and network and Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at Brunel University London. He was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by Edge Hill University, in 2017. He is a long term user of mental health services and has a longstanding background of involvement in issues of participation as writer, researcher, activist and teacher. His most recent book is *All Our Welfare: Towards participatory social policy* (Policy Press, 2016), he writes regularly in *The Guardian* and is co-editor of *Social Policy First Hand* (Policy Press 2018) and *Madness, Violence And Power: A radical collection* (University of Toronto Press, 2018).

**Jurgen Grotz** is Senior Research Associate for the Patient and Public Involvement Research theme of the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) East of England with the Inclusion Research Theme in the School of Health Sciences at the University of East Anglia. Before that he was the Research Manager of the Institute for Volunteering Research. With over two decades of experience in applied research his largely interdisciplinary work has a strong focus on participative approaches and public engagement, working across the academic, public and voluntary and community sectors. He has recently co-edited the prestigious Palgrave Handbook of Volunteering, Civic Participation, and Nonprofit Associations (2016).

**Savitri Hensman** is the Patient and Public Involvement Coordinator at the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) South London and based in the Service User Research Enterprise (SURE) team at King's College London. Savi worked for three decades in the voluntary sector, in which she is still active, including many years supporting service user, carer and public representatives in health and social care as well as doing some work on PPI at national level. She also writes on equality, human rights and belief, among other topics.

The event is free so we cannot provide free refreshments, however, the Wellcome Café offers light refreshments.

Attendance is free but places are limited, please register and book a place by [registering on eventbrite](#).