

# Co-Production Collective Allies Group

## Meeting notes: Tuesday 10 February 2026

### Members

**Present:** Niccola Hutchinson-Pascal, Anne Collis (chaired the meeting), Isaac Samuels, Sarah Welsher, Simon Denegri, Shoba Poduval, Ian Needleman, Mandy Rudczenko, Hania Tayara (guest, notetaking).

**Apologies:** Nat Farley, Cristina Serrao (co-chair), Marc Stears (co-chair), Nathan Hudson, Rosie McCann.

### Actions

Actions agreed in this meeting	Person taking this on	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue developing the Stakeholder mapping work and start to contact key people.</li> </ul>	Nicc	31 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a meeting to discuss new chairing approach.</li> </ul>	Nicc	Mid-April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speak to members of the group who haven't been in recent meetings and agree plan of action.</li> </ul>	Nicc	31 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get availability from group members for an Allies Group workshop about the strategy review.</li> </ul>	Nicc	Mid-April
Actions from previous meetings	Person taking this on	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a Working Group to develop thinking on how we handle reputation risk and any lack of values alignment that might arise with current or future partners.</li> </ul>	Nicc	Ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade our risk register adding more detail including around possible reputational risk concerns.</li> </ul>	Nicc	Ongoing
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### Summary of conversations

No conflicts of interest were declared. Anne chaired the meeting.

### Update on actions from previous meetings

- Nicc updated on progress with actions from last meeting.
- Nicc has not yet set up a Working Group for reputational risk but that's coming soon.
- Nicc has started developing an additional income report.

Group discussions were as follows:

### Progress, income & risk report, Nicc

- Provided by Nicc.

**Anti-racism work update** – Isaac and Hania provided an update and group members gave input which included:

- Hania and Isaac discussed anti-racism training and the new draft strategy.
- Ian asked about what we'll be doing with any data we collect.
- Simon and Anne highlighted the importance of a sustainable funding model.
- Ian asked about where accountability sits when people share experiences or make complaints – Nicc talked through the recently launched / revised [Co-Production Collective Safeguarding Statement](#).

### Projects review

- Croydon Council project update: there have been 8 co-production sessions so far focussing on the urban regeneration of the Surrey Street market area of Croydon.
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### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1 – UCL partner/stakeholder mapping**

- Nicc shared a Flinga online whiteboard and outlined that work that Nicc and Sarah had done so far on mapping key stakeholders for Co-Production Collective.
  - ACTION: Nicc to continue developing this work and start to contact key people.

Discussions that followed included:

- Sarah suggested Nicc goes along to each of the Faculty Executive committee meetings to spread the word about our work and reach a lot of key stakeholders.
- Isaac suggested we share our anti-racism strategy in these meetings.
- Ian mentioned the Research Excellence Framework (REF) and how there's a lot of activity to demonstrate impact, which might make collaborations inviting.
- Anne mentioned that our anti-racism training/module would count as non-traditional outputs for REF.

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2 – Proposal for new approach to chairing**

- Isaac shared their proposal to collaborate across different groups (Allies Group, Global Majority – led Anti-Racism Working Group, Safeguarding & Safe Spaces Oversight Group), as well as a new rotating Chairing model.

Discussions that followed included:

- Isaac explained this would involve a new Chair and Co-Chair rotating every six months.
  - Simon suggested the idea of recruiting an external chair for independence, as a consideration.
  - Anne suggested a separate meeting with representatives from each group mentioned above to discuss this chairing approach.
    - Group agreed to invite one person from each of the Anti-racism Group and the Safeguarding & Safe Spaces Oversight Group to the Allies Group, regardless of chairing decision.
    - ACTION: Nicc to set up a meeting to discuss this chairing approach.
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### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3 – Strategy review proposed approach**

- Nicc shared updates on reviewing Co-Production Collective's current strategy – [Our Direction 2023-2028](#).
- Data is being collated from available evaluation data from training sessions, as well as statistics from the website and Co-Pro Cuppa attendance.
- There are plans to hold a workshop with co-producers in March/April to discuss this review.
- There's also a plan to speak to research teams/funders to understand how co-production is being supported and resourced.
- There will also be interviews with funders around co-production.
- There will be a workshop with the Allies Group to share and discuss learnings.
  - **ACTION:** Nicc to get availability from group members for an Allies Group workshop about the strategy review.

### **Any other business**

- It was agreed that Anne will also chair the next meeting.
- Anne suggested having the meeting about chairing around mid-April.

### **Date of next meetings:**

- Nicc will send a poll with options for the next meeting.
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