**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**CALLING ALL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS and BUSINESSES**

* **Did you know that universities are keen to work with you?**
* **Are you curious about building a new partnership to get some work done together?**

Community-university partnerships bring together 2 sets of expertise and knowledge to make a difference. Partners decide the focus and the terms so that the benefits are shared and relationships are worthwhile.

The[**Community University Partnership Initiative (CUPI)**](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/nccpe-projects/community-university-partnership-initiative) aims tohelp broker and kick start new partnerships – because finding an academic to match your interests can be challenging. If you are a community-based business, social enterprise organisation or charity, and wonderif partnering with a university researcher might help to develop your work further, then join us at this FREE CUPI MATCH EVENT.

**Pin the date:**  **Thursday 22nd March 2018 10.30am - 4.30pm**

Knowle West Media Centre, Bristol

Lunch and refreshments provided

Travel costs up to £50 reimbursed

**Heads up  there’s a funding opportunity too!**

The **CUPI MATCH EVENT** provides an opportunity for new partnerships that emerge from the event, to bid for ‘kick-start’ funding of *£500 - £1000* to get partnerships off the ground. It’s to help potential partners work out if and how they might work together and refine their ideas more, by covering some of the costs involved in thinking and planning. Support will also be available to explore ways to fund or develop future projects.

[**Apply now:**](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/community-university-partnership-initiative-cupi-bristol-application-form)any community organisation or business can apply – the deadline is 22nd February 2018.

If you’re busy tackling social problems, strengthening communities or improving the environment, you might already have a research interest that you want to pursue. The areas and subjects you could work on are endless - measure effectiveness or social value, business development and market research, work with volunteers and shareholders, understand or widen your client base, and lots lots more. Finding local solutions with the help of a new community-university partnership could be just the thing – this event will offer the chance to think about and explore the options further.

To find out more, ask about how a partnership could benefit your work or apply for a place, click [here](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/work-with-us/current-projects/community-university-partnership-initiative-cupi)

For further questions contact [stephanie.todd@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:stephanie.todd@uwe.ac.uk) who will be more than happy to help.

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