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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 601 stakeholders in the East Midlands. It contains snippets of news to help you find out more and get involved. Blue underlined text contains a hyperlink. Sign up [here](#) or email [here](#) to contribute material, comment on items or unsubscribe. There's also a volunteering [Vacancy Board](#) and an involvement [Events Calendar](#) to check out.

- 18.1. Have you booked in to the REPP meeting in Loughborough on 20 May 2014? It is a great opportunity for members of the public, researchers and clinicians to get together to talk about how to promote public participation in research. This event falls on [International Clinical Trials Day](#), so will include some information about the 'OK to Ask' programme and we will be discussing proposals for improving access to health research in the East Midlands. There's a busy and varied programme that will start at 10.30 and finish at 15.00, with a free lunch provided, and you can apply for reimbursement of travel costs. Book [here](#).
- 18.2. We had an excellent seminar on involving people as Board members last week, and the draft guidance document from the meeting will be available online soon. Please book in [here](#) for the next 'From Principle to Practice' seminar, which will be on Patient Leaders as Research Co-applicants, held on 23rd June from 2pm to 4pm in Northampton.
- 18.3. See the new health and wellbeing strategy for Nottinghamshire [here](#).

- 18.4. [Skills for Care](#) and the [National Skills Academy for Social Care](#) will merge by the end of May 2014.
- 18.5. The British Medical Journal is in the process of recruiting a freelance Patient Editor to work one day a week for pay. Unfortunately, we heard about this too late to advertise it, and the closing date has already passed, but we'd like to hear of any similar opportunities.
- 18.6. Boots and ITV's 'This Morning' have created the 2014 Health Heroes awards and would like you to make a nomination. It could be anyone - your next door neighbour who helped when you fell, or perhaps your long-serving family doctor. Details [here](#).
- 18.7. Working Voices is a new engagement initiative in Yorkshire and Bassetlaw that aims to unlock the potential of the 'silent majority' of the UK workforce who traditionally do not use their voice with regards to health issues. They will work with local and national organisations, Chambers of Commerce, the third sector and Healthwatch to engage and support businesses in bringing Working Voices to life. Contact them [here](#) for more information.
- 18.8. A conference on sociology and mental health is planned for Wolverhampton on 13/6/14. It will look at how the psychiatric survivor movement, the disabled people's movement, the trade union movement and the feminist movement have shaped sociological knowledge on mental health. £25 for non-members or apply for a free place [here](#). Register [here](#).
- 18.9. One in eight GP practices are accredited as "[Research Ready](#)" by the RCGP and the CRN. This means that they can conduct research to high quality standards. Why not ask your GP practice if it is accredited?
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