

# NEON Awards 2024 Nominations

## Category

NEON Widening Access Partnership Award

## Names of institutions involved in the partnership

Yorkshire Consortium for Equity in Doctoral Education

## Brief Description

YCEDE is a collaboration between five universities in Yorkshire, 12 UKRI funded Doctoral Training partnerships and Centres for Doctoral Training plus a number of external partners dedicated to equity at doctoral level. Some of our funding comes from Research England and OfS, but most of it has been committed by our partner universities. We are working together to increase the representation of black, Asian and minority ethnic people in postgraduate research. As the next generation of 'thought-leaders', our doctoral students are vital for the success of our research and innovation sectors.

## Why has this project been nominated

The Yorkshire Consortium for Equity in Doctoral Education (YCEDE) is symbolic of partnerships. It is for, with and within partnerships that we will achieve successful outcomes. We believe it is more important to be realistic and acknowledge that change in this area is not always easy, but absolutely necessary.

From our infancy, partnerships and collaborative working has been YCEDE's ethos. We are collaborating and not competing with other universities. YCEDE partners are being honest about the problems in our institutions and openly sharing our approaches and ideas, even when they are not successful. We are learning about and celebrating our differences and similarities as universities varying hugely in our size, age, research intensity and ethnic diversity, but with the same shared commitment to inclusive impact. We have and will continue to host joint workshops with universities (including Oxford, Cambridge, Nottingham Trent, East London, Durham) running similar projects so that we can learn even more to make YCEDE stronger than it already is.

We are working collaboratively across 12 UKRI funded Doctoral Training partnerships and Centres for Doctoral Training:

- NERC DTP Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment
- Leverhulme Extinction Studies
- Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity
- ESRC White Rose Social Sciences DTP
- White Rose College of Arts and Humanities
- York EPSRC DTP
- Leeds EPSRC DTP & Mathematical Sciences DTP
- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Fluid Dynamics
- White Rose DTP in Mechanistic Biology
- NERC SENSE Earth Observation Centre for Doctoral Training
- DiMeN DTP MRC Discovery Medicine North
- Panorama DT