



Call for Steering Group Members

Established in August 2024, the [Community of Practice \(CoP\) in Research and Innovation \(R&I\) Evidence and Analysis](#) is a network of professionals who interrogate R&I data, policies and strategies. Led by the London School of Economics and Political Science, the CoP is a cross-sector initiative which aims to bring together colleagues who work in a diverse range of roles including R&I strategy, policy development, data analysis and practice-focused metaresearch.

We are seeking to recruit up to 10 steering group members to shape the future direction of the CoP. The steering group will decide on the strategic direction of the CoP as well as developing programmes of activity, governance documentation and communication/advocacy strategies. The group will also act on feedback and suggestions from the wider CoP community when designing activities and initiatives.

We are seeking representation from across sectors including (but not limited to) higher education, mission groups, policy organisations, funders, government, national/regional bodies with a stake in R&I, and commercial organisations who routinely interrogate R&I data. We would be delighted to hear from individuals with skills and experience in any of the following areas:

- R&I policy and strategy
- Data analysis (ideally working with R&I data)
- Metaresearch (especially practice-focused research which is closely connected to decision-making, policy development and process improvement)
- Use of emerging technologies in R&I management, R&I policy development and/or R&I decision-making
- Impact evaluations

Steering group members will serve a two-year term (with the option of an additional year) and will be expected to attend 4 online steering group meetings each year as well as provide expert guidance on strategy, governance, priority areas, programme development and event organisation.

To apply for this voluntary role:

- Please send a short statement of no more than 400 words outlining 1) why you are interested in becoming a steering group member 2) how your skills and experience align with the overall focus of the CoP.

Please send your applications to Dr Christopher Daley (Head of R&I Evidence and Analysis, LSE, c.daley@lse.ac.uk) by **Monday 9th December 2024, 5.30pm**.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of colleagues who are familiar with the work of the CoP but who have not been involved in submitting a steering group application. Outcomes will be communicated to applicants in early-January 2025.