

ARC NWC Health Equity Mainstreaming Strategy & Action Plan

Integrate health equity considerations in applied research activities

- Review approaches that address health inequalities and share good practice examples
- Support researchers to use equity tools (e.g. HIAT)
- Evaluate and refine our approach to health equity mainstreaming in research

Increase competencies, capabilities and awareness of health equity

- Organize series of seminars and workshops on health equity tools and problem-solving
- Develop a freely accessible portal to health equity mainstreaming resources
- Support and train health equity advocates

"Currently, in England, people living in the least deprived areas of the country live around 20 years longer in good health than people in the most deprived areas."

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2017/07/13/understanding-health-inequalities-in-england/>

#ImplementEquity

- Establish a researchers group to work on the methodology and process for mainstreaming health equity in research
- Develop opportunities and undertake research to improve the evidence-base for health inequalities and health equity

Strengthen institutional mechanisms for health equity

- Establish a patient and public involvement group to work alongside in the implementation of the HEM strategy
- Work alongside patients, the public and communities to identify good practice, share expert knowledge, and guide policy and decision-makers

Engaging and Involving Patients, the Public and Communities

Based on ARC NWC principles: collaboration, communication, capacity-building, co-production, community involvement & engagement