

EACH in the UK: a network for healthcare communication researchers, educators and practitioners

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Aim of the project

EACH is a global organisation, encouraging collaboration and exchange of ideas, with the aim of improving communication in healthcare.

As the national representatives for the UK membership, we wished to facilitate collaboration at a more 'local' level, by putting UK members in contact with each other and forming a UK Network.

Methods

All UK members of EACH were invited to participate. Members were asked to provide a short paragraph about their areas of interest, contact details and a photo. Members were encouraged to share information about projects and activities. A UK Network page on the EACH website, contains a location map of members:

www.each.eu/about-us/national-networks/uk



Results

Members come from all four countries of the UK, including researchers, educators and practitioners from a variety of professional backgrounds. Members often have multiple roles, enhancing the breadth of expertise available to share within the Network.

Conclusions

Creating the UK Network is the first step in encouraging members to share ideas and expertise at a more 'local' level. The aim is to create a 'virtual' community of practice, to support and promote members' work in healthcare communication.