

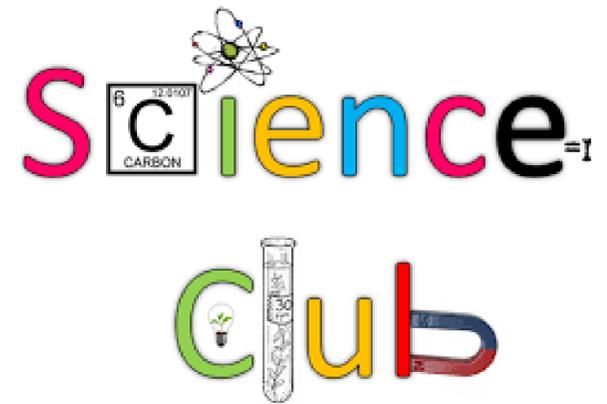
# Taking research into the community

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## Background

Health and research literacy amongst patients and the public act as a barrier to research participation, especially in paediatric clinical trials. An ambition at Alder Hey CRF is to tackle this issue by going into communities to establish relationships with children, young people, and families to open a dialogue about research and the work we do at Alder Hey. As part of a broader outreach programme, in January 2023 the PPIE team, CRF and Alder Hey staff partnered with a **Youth Centre** based in a deprived part of Liverpool to find novel ways of working together through the forum of a **Science Club**.



## Who is involved?

The **Youth Centre** brings together children, young people, and families impacted by socioeconomic disadvantage, low educational attainment levels, and increasingly for some English not being their first language. Such communities are the **hard-to-reach** population we really want to engage with.



Loving the white coats!

## What is the aim of the Science Club

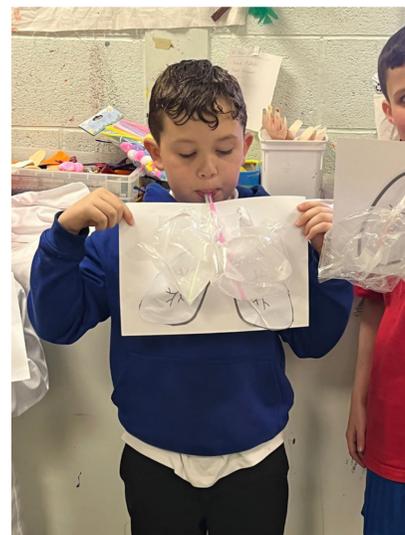
-  **Raise awareness** at monthly sessions about the research we do at Alder Hey CRF through fun activities.
-  **Listen** to young people's health experiences & concerns and build this into future research proposals.
-  **Inspire, encourage, and guide** young people to achieve their aspirations & foster ambitions of becoming our future scientists.
-  **Encourage** young people & families to get involved in future PPI activities.



Age 10

## What have we done so far?

Each session is guided by the young people who tell us what they would like to learn more about. Topics such as how are medicines made, how our organs work, dealing with the side effects of medicines, and how to keep healthy have been identified as important issues to cover.



Having fun learning about how the lungs and heart work

To learn more about the **Science Club** click on the QR code provided. Or contact Jenny Preston on [jennifer.preston@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:jennifer.preston@liverpool.ac.uk)

