

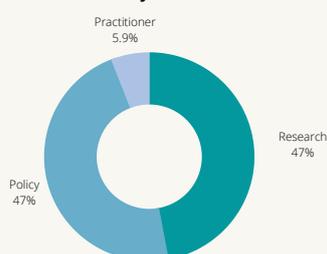
MAXIMISING IMPACT FROM RESEARCH – POLICY PARTNERSHIPS MASTERCLASS

Evaluation report

Maximising Impact from Research – Policy Partnerships Masterclass was convened by the Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation (CHIAPRT), Health Translation SA in partnership with the School of Public Health and the Stretton Institute, University of Adelaide and Southgate Institute for Health, Equity and Society, Flinders University. The first Masterclass was held on the 13–14 September and 26 October 2021. The practical two and a half day workshop focused on improving collaboration between researchers and policy makers to support improved research translation and lead to the creation of better public policy.

Participants

The Masterclass targeted both academics and researchers working across a range of disciplines, and policy actors from government and the non-government sector. The course attracted a total of 33 participants from all three South Australian universities, research agencies and policy makers from a diverse range of government agencies including health, environment, corrections, education, and child protection. A total of 17 participants completed an evaluation of day 1 and 2 of the course. The mix of professions has been reflected in the pie chart below.



Course Content

The Course Curriculum was developed in collaboration with a working group of policy professionals and researchers from across Australia. The course was very interactive and focused on skill development, drawing on course participants lived experience and expertise. The results of the evaluation around course content and its value to the participants has been summarised below.

The delivery of the sessions met my expectations.



The small and large group discussions and interactive activities were valuable for my understanding of key concepts.



Skill Development

The curriculum supported both researchers and policy makers to build on their skills and improve their knowledge of the interface between research and policy sectors.

- 94% of participants either agree or strongly agree that the sessions allowed them to develop a network of colleagues working in research and policy.
- 77.8% either agree or strongly agree that the masterclass helped increased skills in building research and policy partnerships.
- 61.1% of participants stated that the workshops improved their understanding of the policy making process and the role of politics in addressing the determinants of health, wellbeing and inequity.

What was the most important thing you learned from this masterclass?

