

Academic-policy engagement needs to be equitable.








Discover how co-production **values**, **principles**, and **practices** can support this between academics and regional policy partners.



**Capabilities in Academic
Policy Engagement**



**Co-Production
Collective**



Values of co-production

Being human

Diversity,
honesty, trust

Being inclusive

Participation,
development

Being transparent

Power imbalances,
sharing responsibility

Being challenging

Reflection,
improvement,
embracing

Principles of co-production

Maintain trusted and equitable relationships

Work towards sharing power and decision-making

Ensure all voices are included

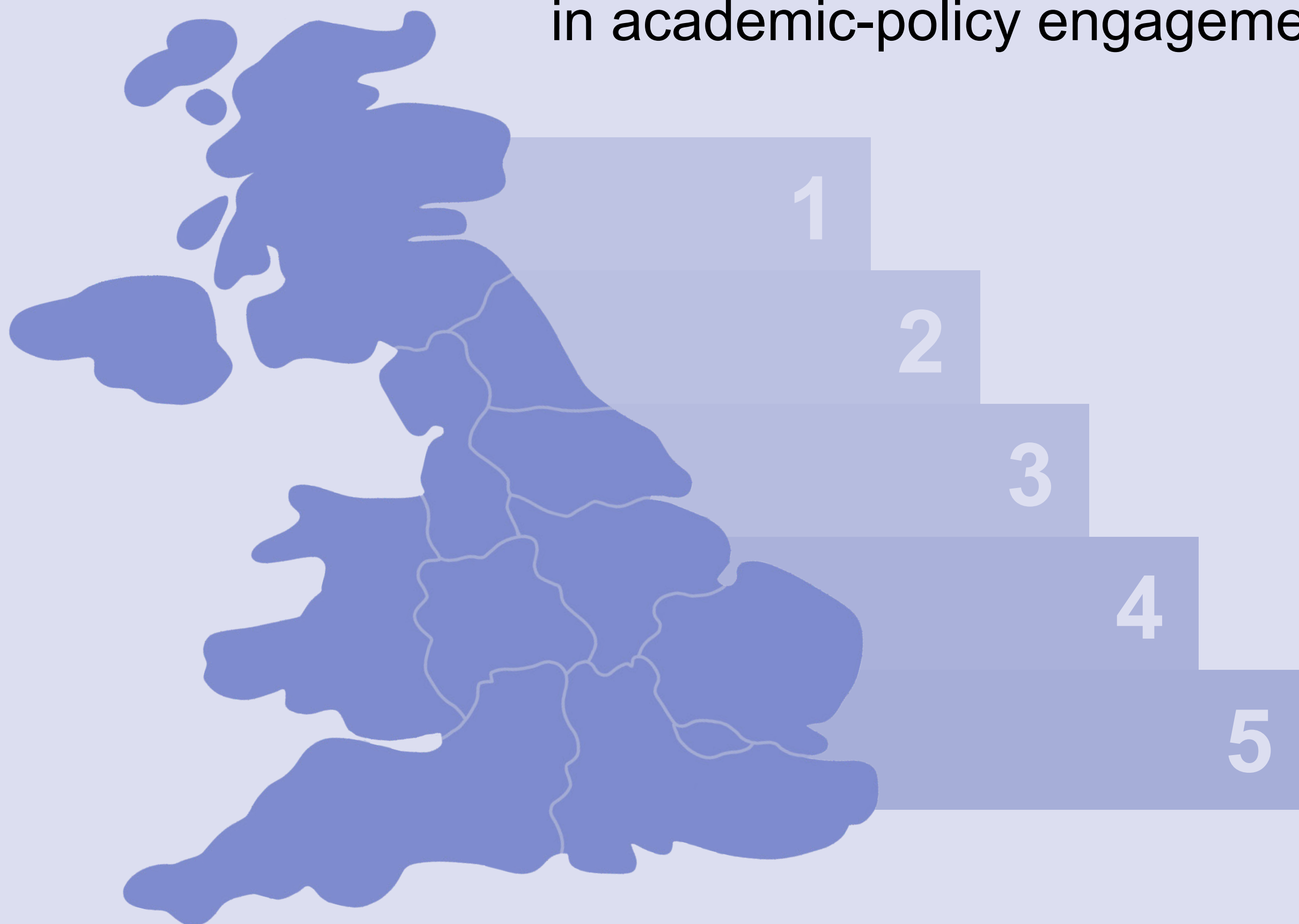
Maintain an ethos of reciprocal benefit and shared goals

Embed reflective and reflexive practice

Here's how to create

five conditions

that enable the foundational
elements in regional co-production
in academic-policy engagement



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Ringfence time for initial discussions including:

- Agreeing ways of working first
- Undertaking inclusion mapping
- Developing an understanding of motivations of those involved





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Develop a shared understanding by:

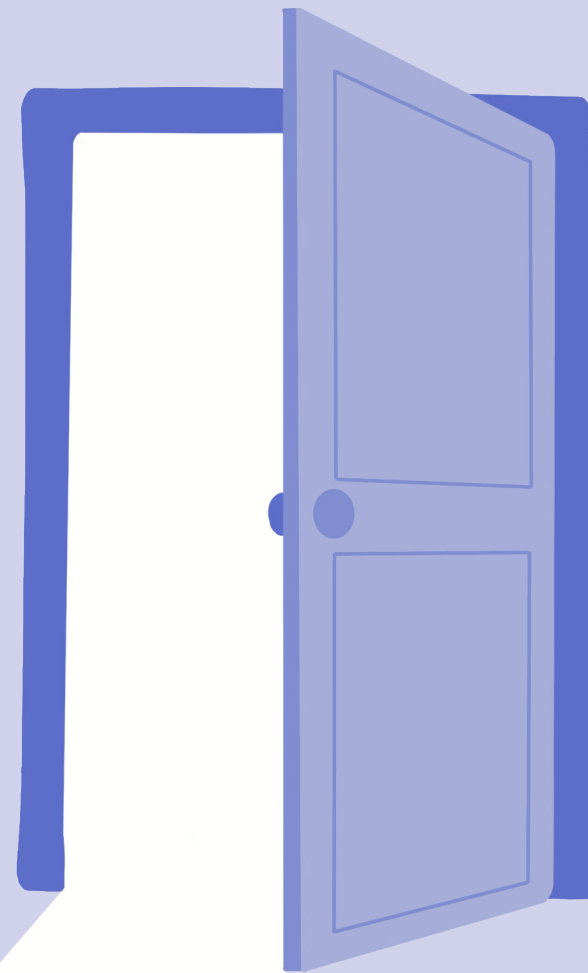
- Aligning values and motivation
- Developing a clear purpose
- Assigning a coordinating role
- Ensuring all voices are included



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Create 'relational' spaces during the project by:

- Making spaces inclusive
- Communicating honestly and openly
- Providing accessible communications platforms





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Establish ethics of care in co-production by:

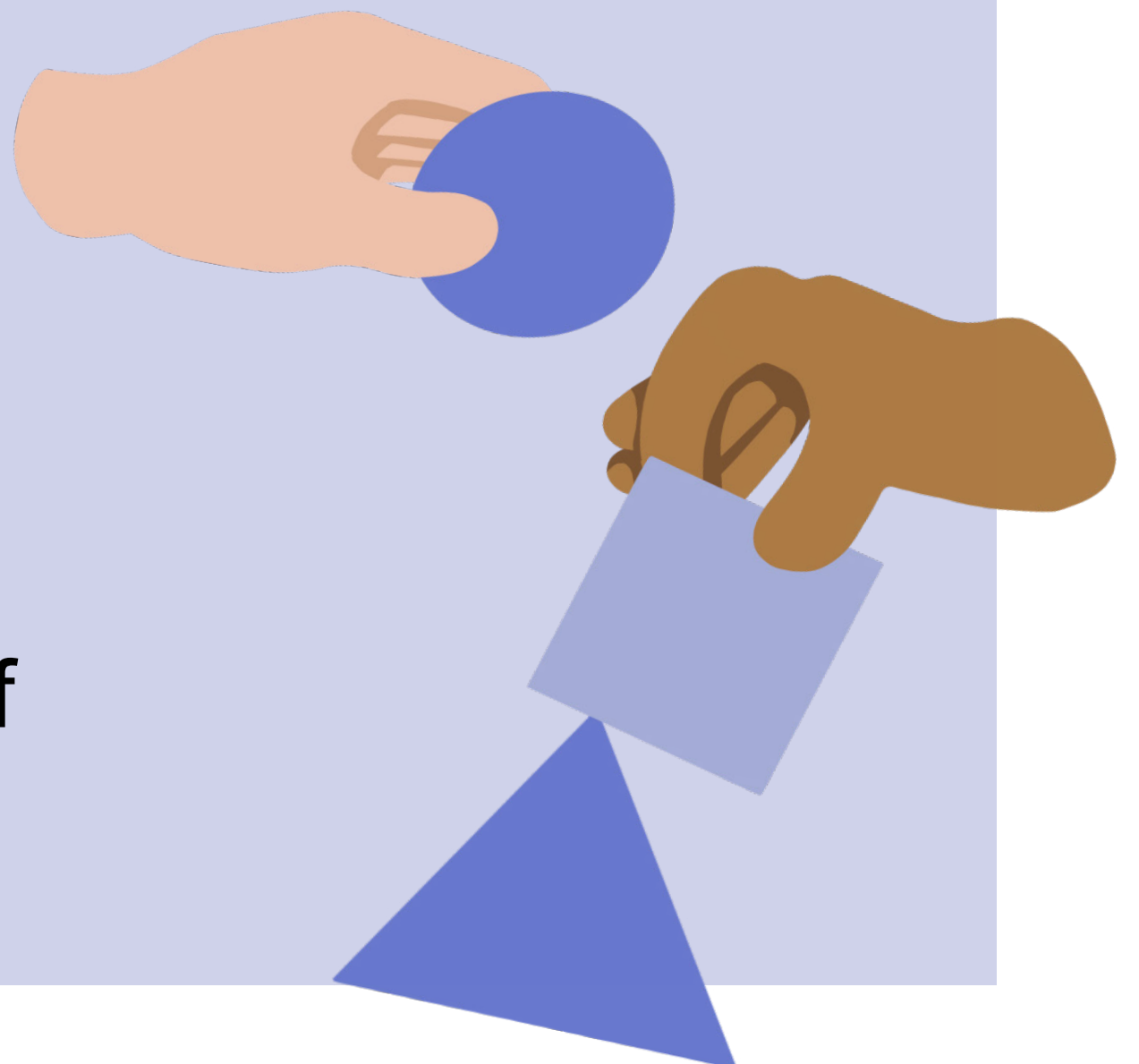
- Working with empathy and care
- Using governance to maintain ethics
- Valuing lived experience
- Making information useable and accessible for all



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Embed and sustain co-production by:

- Identifying co-production champions
- Considering resourcing needs
- Creating a culture of constant learning



**Important things
to remember**

**It's not a
linear process**

**It is a complex
methodology
and takes time
to understand**

**It cannot be
defined in
stages**

**It is sometimes
messy and not
clear cut**