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GW4 Alliance Year in Review: 2025

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GW4 Highlights 2025

GW4 welcomed a new Director
to lead the Alliance's strategic vision
and strengthen collaboration
across its member universities
and beyond.

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Dr Rebecca Leithall joined GW4 as Interim Head of the Alliance, providing guidance and stewardship ahead of the arrival of the new Director.

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High profile showcases at the House of Commons in Westminster and the Senedd in Cardiff Bay, highlighted our cutting-edge, collaborative research projects and demonstrated the value of regional research and innovation.

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GW4 and Wellcome
celebrated collaborative efforts
that boost innovative research,
regional engagement,
and economic development.

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Funding Wins

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Funding Wins

TRANSFORMING HOMES

The Transforming Homes project received an additional £3 million to deliver healthier, more sustainable homes for future generations and have a showcase at the Green Transition Ecosystem exhibition in the Design Museum in London.

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GW4 researchers received $4.5 million from Wellcome Leap to develop a world-leading resource for menstrual health research.

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A GW4 Crucible project attracted Google investment to develop innovative wearable technology for stress monitoring.

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Research & Innovation Development

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Research & Innovation Development

New seed funding supported interdisciplinary projects examining the role of creativity in shaping society, culture, and the economy.

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The first GW4 Imaging Network Day brought together experts to share advances in imaging technologies and foster collaboration.

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Eight collaborative projects received GW4 Development Awards, supporting the exploration of new research ideas and strengthening interdisciplinary links.

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The GW4 Generator Fund
funded eight new
research communities,
driving innovation
and cross-institutional collaboration.

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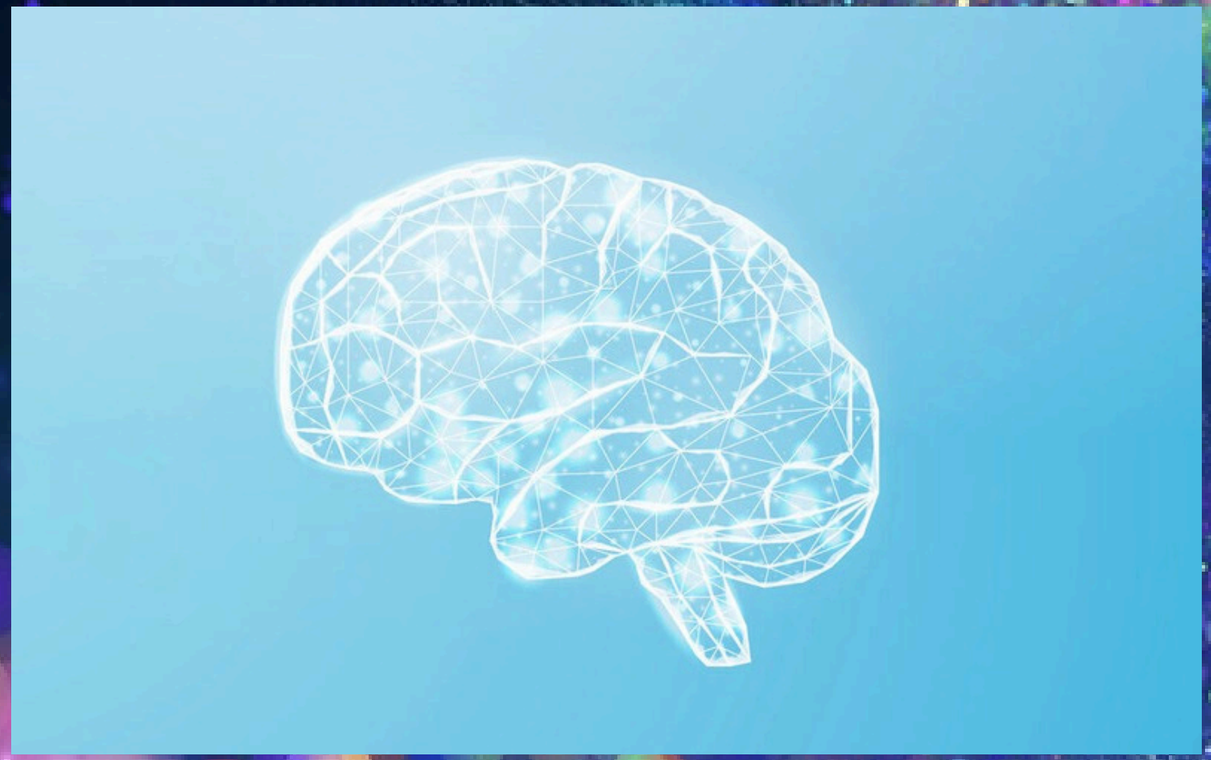

Six research projects
focused on mental health
received funding
after a successful
GW4 bid development event.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

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People, Skills & Research Culture

GW4 hosted the second GW4 Open Research Week and Open Research Prize, led by the University of Bath for 2025.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

GW4 launched Re-Culture
to transform research culture
by promoting
inclusivity, openness,
and collaboration.

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GW4 Connect provided new tailored peer support for neurodivergent researchers, and continued to support PGRs from the global majority.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

GW4 continued to advocate for improved childcare access for PGRs, as part of our campaign calling on Government to extend the undergraduate Childcare Grant to postgraduate researchers.

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The GW4 AMR Alliance launched a new cross-institutional and cross-disciplinary mentorship scheme to enhance the professional development of early and mid-career antimicrobial resistance researchers.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

Twenty-nine researchers joined this year's Crucible cohort to investigate creativity's role in shaping societies and cultures.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

GW4 universities united
to embed sustainability principles
into research
and innovation strategies.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

The GW4 PGR Parents and Carers Network published a report on the unique challenges faced by Postgraduate Research students with parental and caregiving responsibilities.

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People, Skills & Research Culture

X-CITED marked the programme's halfway mark in September with a Community of Practice Conference. Plus they held the first of three innovative Industrial Challenge Sandpits, bringing together industry and research technical professionals.

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Partnerships

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GW4 co-founded the South West Health & Life Sciences Cluster Development Initiative, alongside Health Innovation West of England, Health Innovation South West and South West Life Sciences.

South West Health and Life Sciences Cluster Development Initiative

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