



A.R.I.C Organisational Structure:

- ARIC's Board (Core Members): Responsible for facilitating development, sharing information, monitoring and recording actions and progress in a strategic, complementary, robust, secure and consistent way.
- Director: Responsible for the overall management and strategic development of the centre.
- Research Programme Leads (RPL): Responsible for developing and coordinating research projects.
- Research Prioritisation Advisory Group: Responsible for setting up research priorities and for facilitating collaborative bids with local, regional, national and international agents.

Core Academic Staff

Dr Niko Kargas – Director, School of Psychology
Prof Ian Abrahams - RPL, School of Education
Dr Paul Baxter – RPL, School of Computer Sciences
Prof Chris Bridle - RPL, Lincoln Institute for Health
Prof Kerstin Meints - RPL, School of Psychology
Dr John Mendy - RPL, School of Business
Prof Daniel Mills - RPL, School of Life Sciences

Key aims of the A.R.I.C

- Understand the needs of people on the autism spectrum in the community and design research programs that will have a positive impact on their everyday life.
- Engage autistic people, their families, practitioners, commissioners, policymakers and researchers (especially ECRs) to identify priorities for research and also involve them in the development and implementation of research projects.
- Support the diverse educational, health, well-being, employability and social needs of autistic people across their life span.
- Provide routes and pathways to the effective impact of research and funding projects developed by the group.
- Offer an effective multidisciplinary hub for the wider engagement of the autistic community both locally and nationally.

In Conclusion

“The ARIC ethos is based on the notion that participatory autism research is essential for the design, development and implementation of research programmes in areas that are most needed and will have a great impact.”

Dr Niko Kargas Chair of the Autism Research and Innovation Centre