

## **Professor Fiona Poland**

Fiona Poland is a sociologist and Professor of Social Research Methodology at the University of East Anglia (UEA). Her career concern has been to use, develop and innovate qualitative research methods and technologies to recognise wellbeing and participation concerns of individuals and communities particularly older people and carers and to support the agency and connectedness of disadvantaged and commonly-excluded groups. She seeks to promote collaborations and respectful working across voluntary, statutory, academic and policy boundaries. She is journal editor of *Quality in Ageing and Older Adults* and leads Inclusion Research in the School of Health Sciences, and UEA Volunteering Research (linked to the Institute of Volunteering Research and co-leads the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration East of England Theme on "Inclusive Involvement in Research for Practice-Led Health and Social Care").