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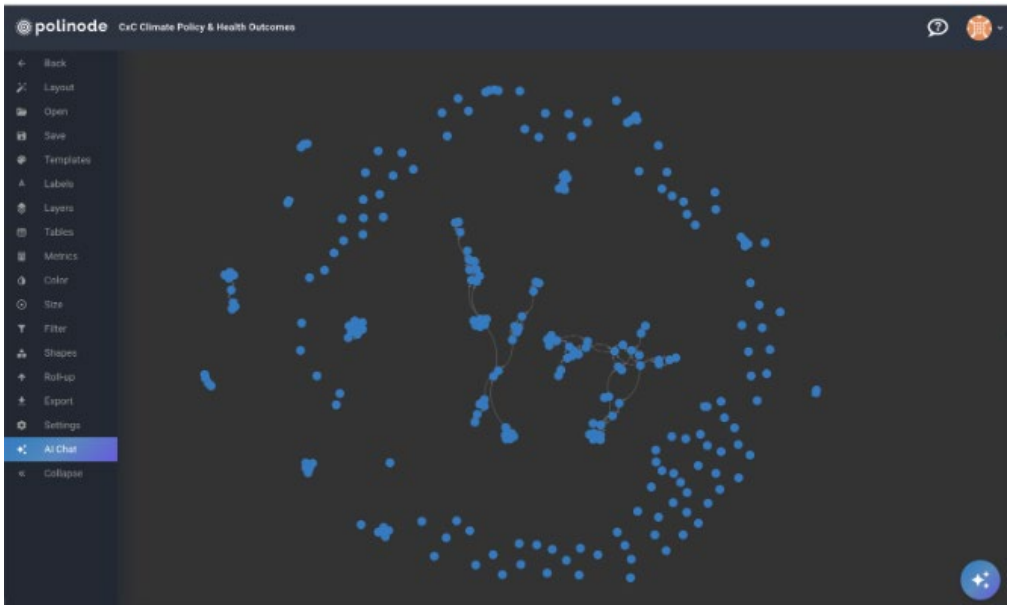
Polinade® Expertise Map: user guide and instructions

Instructions for accessing and using the Polinade® expertise mapping tool

Polinode® have produced their own user-guide video on YouTube, accessible here but this PDF contains some basic user guidance to help with accessibility and use of the map.

The CxC Climate Policy and Health Outcomes Expertise map is accessible at the following link: https://app.polinode.com/networks/explore/69c1504547ca8464e8c070d1

The page should open as follows:



Above is the map at in its default form which will be viewable when first accessing the link.

1.1 Basic navigation instructions

- Using your trackpad or mouse you can click and drag the page to move around the map
- Using your mouse's wheel or trackpad (using two fingers) you can zoom in and out of the map

1.2 Key terms

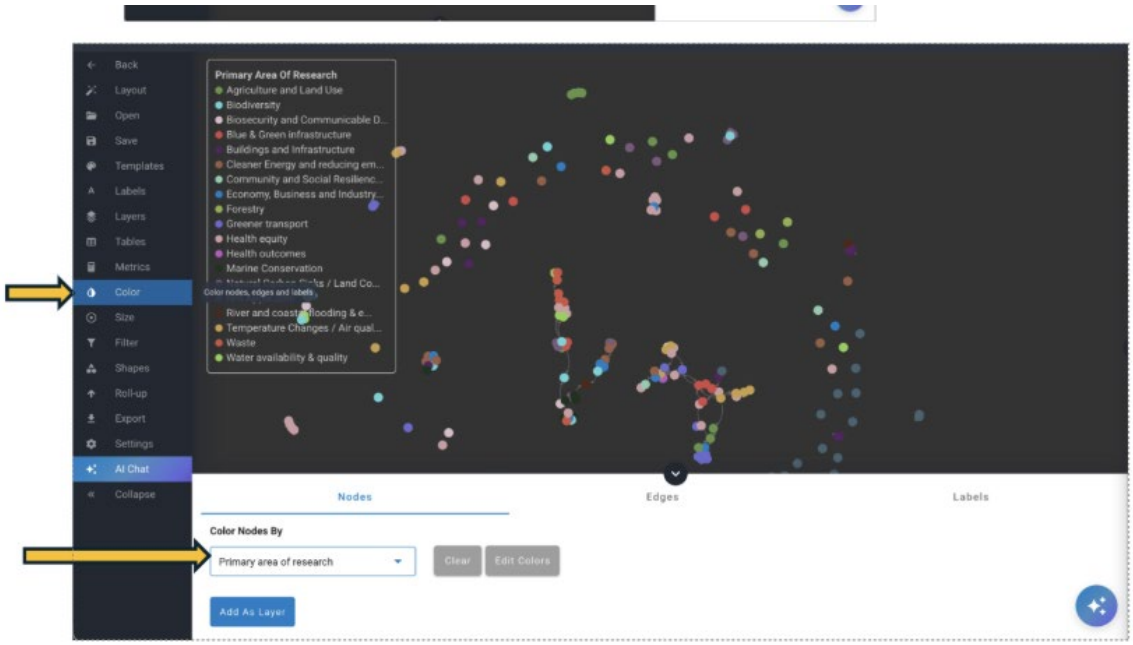
Nodes: The circular blobs - these are our experts. Clicking on a node will bring up the attribute panel on the right hand of the screen which displays all of their relevant information (this is identical to that which is in the expertise registry spreadsheet).

Edges: These are the arrows between Nodes, highlighting the connection or link two experts share. Edges are customisable in the same way as nodes, but they have far less attributes, so less visualisation is possible, or needed.

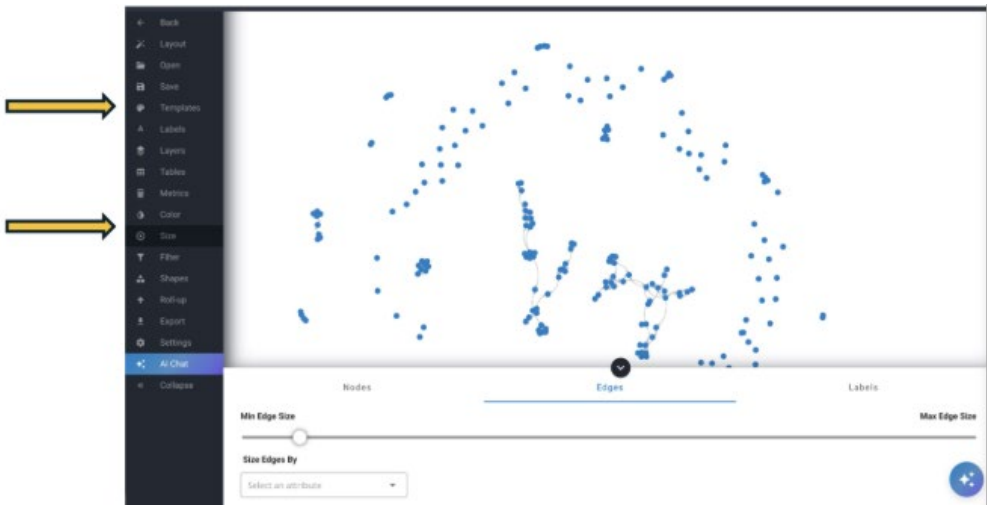
1.3 Map customisation

The map display can be customised in several ways. The following are instructions for some basic user customisation which will help you better visualise and organise the map and its associated information.

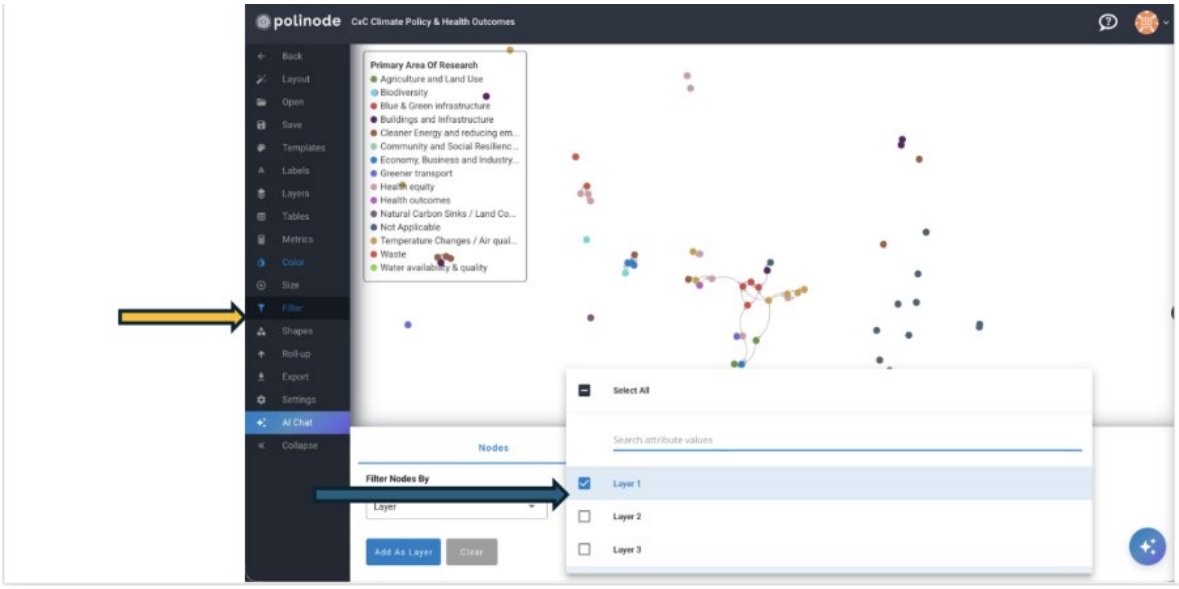
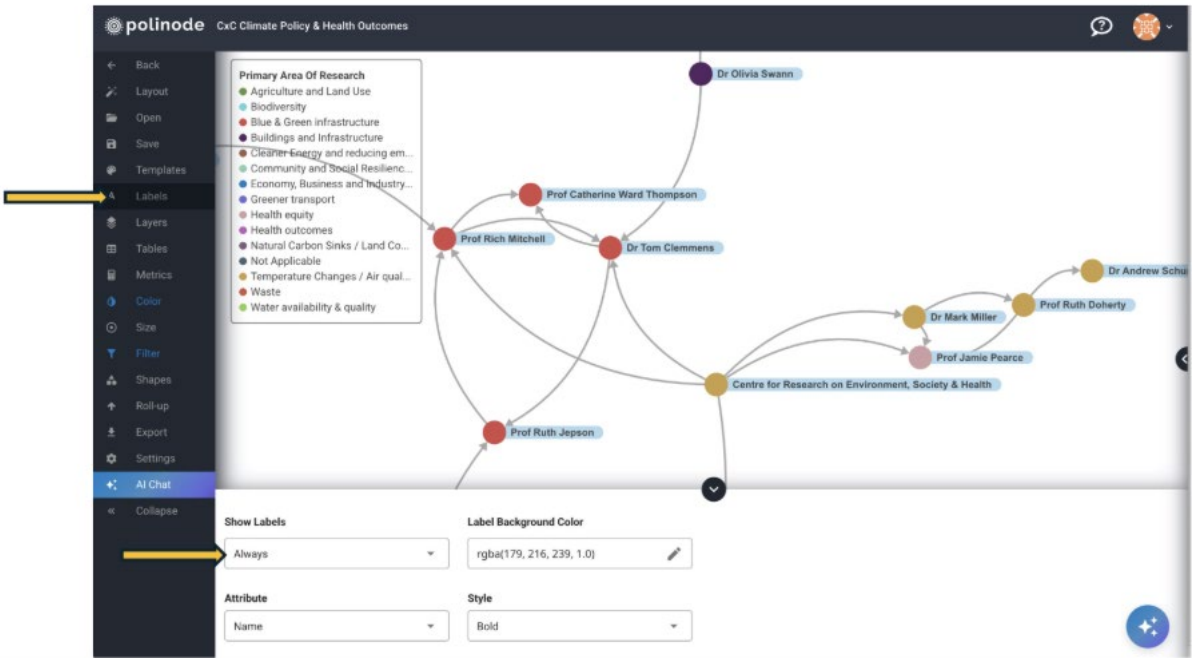
On the left-hand side is a menu which allows you to customise the view and visualisation of the map. Both Edge and Node displays are editable. Below you can see where nodes have been organised by colours mapped to expert primary research area. Colours can be used to differentiate different expert attributes like primary research area, active grants, organisations, whether their work encompasses an equity dimension or their layer.



The background can be changed to white using the 'Templates' option on the left hand side panel.



We can also customise the size and thickness of edges and nodes, to ensure clarity, using the 'size' option.



And finally, clicking on labels will allow for nodes to be given a name. You can choose to 'show' labels permanently or only when hovering, using the option boxes at the bottom of the screen.