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AHRC Newsletter

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Arts and humanities support cultural regeneration and boost regional economy

AHRC is investing £850,000 in nine projects across the UK to support cultural regeneration and boost regional economies. From building capacity for the creative industries to restoring civic pride in our towns, the projects will support cultural and social regeneration across the length and breadth of the UK.

The projects will achieve a range of goals including redeveloping iconic local landmarks, increasing cultural participation within communities and tackling socioeconomic inequalities.

Read more

Hidden histories inform the environmental research sector

Ten interdisciplinary research projects have been awarded funding to

understand how the future of modern environmental science can be informed by the past.

The projects aim to generate tangible research outputs that are relevant to the UK environmental sector by linking unexplored areas of history that relate to the natural sciences to the present-day UK context. For example, understanding environmental research in the context of historical colonialism.

Where relevant, the projects will provide practical recommendations, such as policy recommendations or peer learning to be taken forward in academic, community, and professional contexts.

Read more

Consultation invitation for arts and humanities Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Leads

The consultation on the draft UKRI Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Strategy is now open and inviting contributions until the 28 March 2022.
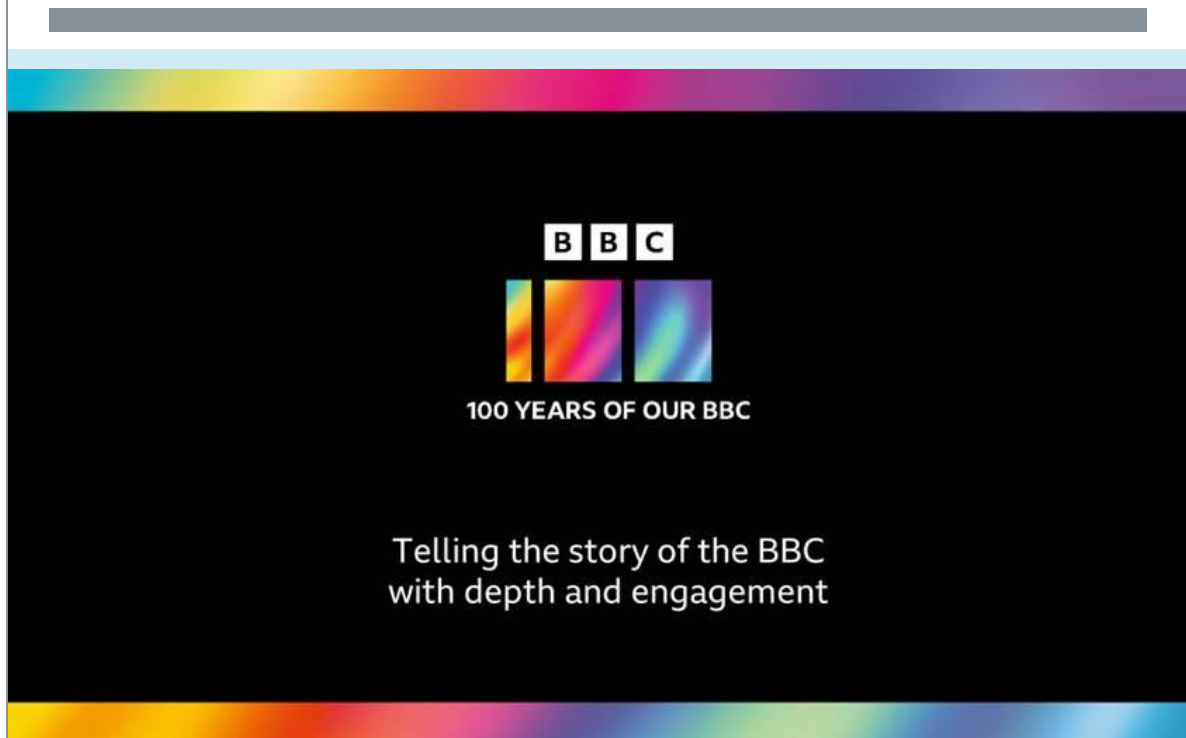
AHRC would like to strongly encourage all arts and humanities ED&I leads to feed into this consultation. This is a fantastic opportunity to shape UKRI's approach to supporting a more diverse and inclusive research ecosystem. **You can find out more about the consultation on our website**.

We are also inviting expressions of interest from members of the community to be part of a virtual focus group where your feedback can be captured

directly. If you would like to attend then **please register your interest here**

Any questions can be directed to Matt McCallum – Associate Director of Programmes (matthew.mccallum@ahrc.ukri.org)

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Register your interest here

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100 years of the BBC

2022 marks **100 years of the BBC** and we'll be supporting projects across the UK that engage the public with in research related to the story of the BBC and the future of the broadcast media.

Forgotten Diverse Composers' scores performed for first time by BBC Philharmonic

BBC Philharmonic presented a special concert on 2 February, showcasing scores by composers whose work was re-discovered through the **Forgotten Diverse Composers scheme,** a partnership between AHRC and the BBC

which funds researchers in music.

Tom McKinney and Linton Stephens introduced the live concert with BBC Philharmonic from MediaCity UK (Salford) and featured music by Nathaniel Dett, Margaret Bonds, Julia Perry, Ali Osman, Kikuko Kanai and Joseph Bologne. A second concert, featuring further composers discovered through the scheme, will take place later in 2022.

Listen to the concert

On the AHRC blog...

Anni Laihanen (European Portfolio Manager, ESRC) shares **insights into Horizon Europe**, a 7-year research and innovation programme supporting cultural heritage and the cultural and creative industries.

Katy Shaw (Programme Director of Creative Communities, AHRC) shares AHRC's plans to develop the potential for arts and humanities in **fostering and enabling creative communities**.

On the airwaves...

Our latest AHRC/BBC New Thinking podcast explores four composers: Margaret Bonds, Robert Nathaniel Dett, Ali Osman and Isaac Hirshow. Their music has been re-discovered through research funded by the AHRC Forgotten Diverse Composers project.

Listen here

BBC RADIO 3

AHRC Research in Film Awards (RIFA) go on the road

This Spring, AHRC will be screening some of the films from our Best Climate Emergency Film of the Year category from RIFA around the UK. We are delighted to partnering up with **Bristol + Bath Creative R+D** at **Watershed (Bristol)**, **Clwstwr** and **Cardiff Animation Festival** and **Film Access Scotland** to present a series of screening days and events in Bristol, Cardiff and Glasgow in March and April. We'll post more information in our next newsletter!

AHRC collaboration for responsible AI

AHRC is leading the development of activities which will support the regulation and governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Earlier this year, AHRC held focus groups as part of the scoping and development of the UKRI-led National AI Research & Innovation Programme. Feedback from these groups will inform the basis of future commissioning activities.

AHRC's ambition is to extend and deepen the UK's capabilities in AI ethics, law and regulation to enable an AI ecosystem that is underpinned by appropriate governance and embeds responsible and ethical approaches from the earliest stages of the R&D pipeline. We'll announce further details soon.

Upcoming events and webinars

Valuing Culture and Heritage Capital Conference, 11 March 2022

The *Valuing Culture and Heritage Capital Conference* will be held online on 11 March, jointly hosted by AHRC, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Arts Council England and Historic England. AHRC's Executive Chair, Christopher Smith, will deliver the opening remarks, ahead of a stellar line-up of speakers. The conference is part of DCMS' **Culture and Heritage Capital programme**, which is developing innovative methodologies to capture the value of culture and heritage to society, to ensure it is fully represented in funding decisions.

The conference will be held on Zoom and is open to all, **further details, including how to register, can be found here.**

Register here

Free policy webinars from Pandemic & Beyond project, 8 & 15 March 2022

AHRC-funded project **Pandemic & Beyond** (Exeter University) is launching a series of webinars that bring together evidence, lessons learned, and recommendations for the future from the pandemic. The first two webinars, specifically designed for policy and decision-makers but open to all, have been confirmed as:

- Pandemic & Beyond: Ethics, law and decision-making during COVID-19 - Tuesday 8 March 2022, 2-3pm. **Find out more and register here.**
- Pandemic & Beyond: Communication and messaging during Covid-19 - Tuesday 15 March 2022, 2-3pm. **Find out more and register here.**

New calls

Apply for UK-Canada Globalink Doctoral Exchange Scheme

Applications are now open for UK and Canadian doctoral students to participate in the **UK-Canada Globalink doctoral exchange scheme**. It provides UKRI funded students, working in any field, with the opportunity to carry out a 12-week research project developed with a host supervisor in Canada.

Projects can be on a topic unrelated to student's studies and should not include activities that are part of their planned PhD. Successful applicants will also be expected to undertake network-building activities.

The scheme offers awards of up to £15,000 for each placement. Applications close on 26 April 2022, 4pm UK time.

Find out more

Innovation Scholars: enhance your career through our architecture and design secondments

AHRC is funding a call in the **UKRI Innovation Scholars Programme** for the first time. We want to support skills development and knowledge exchange between academia and industry, public and third sector in two creative industries disciplines – architecture and design. This will be achieved through funding individual secondments focused on research and innovation. We fund 100% salary and travel and subsistence costs and offer flexible secondment options (three months to three years, full time, part time or hybrid).

Applications close on 26 May 2022, 4pm UK time.

Find out more

Horizon Europe: latest news

AHRC recently co-hosted two webinars with the National Contact Point for Culture, Creativity and Inclusivity on Horizon Europe opportunities. You can now watch the webinars on YouTube.

Horizon Europe Cluster 2: 2022 opportunities

The **first webinar** focused on introducing the current funding opportunities of interest to arts and humanities researchers. This session provided an overview of the nine call topics currently open within Destination 1, "Innovative research on democracy and governance", and the further ten call topics open within Destination 2, "Innovative research on European cultural heritage and the Cultural and Creative Industries". You can **watch the Cluster 2 webinar here.**

Horizon Europe for Arts, Heritage and Creative Industries sectors 2022

The **second webinar**, organised with DCMS, explored opportunities for the cultural and creative sectors to participate in Horizon Europe. This session offered deeper insights and concrete examples from a range of case study presentations and speakers from stakeholder organisations. It built on a **previous webinar** delivered with DCMS last summer. You can **watch the Arts, Heritage and Creative Industries webinar here.**

A written overview of opportunities is available on **the AHRC blog**; this article includes lots of links to further information.

Prospective applicants are also welcome to contact the National Contact Point for Culture, Creativity, and Inclusive Society by emailing ccisncp@esrc.ukri.org

Coronavirus updates

For all the latest information on the vital work of UKRI and our community in response to the crisis, visit the **UKRI Coronavirus Hub**.

A summary of current funding opportunities:

- **Work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects**
- **UK-Canada Globalink doctoral exchange scheme**
- **Pre-announcement: Turing AI World-Leading Researcher Fellowships: rounds two and three**
- **Partner with researchers in Switzerland**
- **Enhance your career through an architecture or design secondment**
- **Study arts and humanities at an international institution**
- **Develop basic technologies in sensing and imaging**
- **Collaborate with German partners on arts and humanities research**
- **AHRC research networking scheme**
- **AHRC Working with Brazilian researchers**
- **UKRI-SBE lead agency opportunity**
- **Daphne Jackson fellowship**
- **AHRC follow-on funding for impact and engagement**
- **AHRC standard research grant**
- **AHRC early career research grant**
- **AHRC research, development and engagement fellowships: early career researchers route**
- **AHRC research, development and engagement fellowships: standard route to support mid-career and established researchers**
- **Knowledge Transfer Partnership**

See all current opportunities

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