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Mobilising Community Assets to Tackle Health Disparities

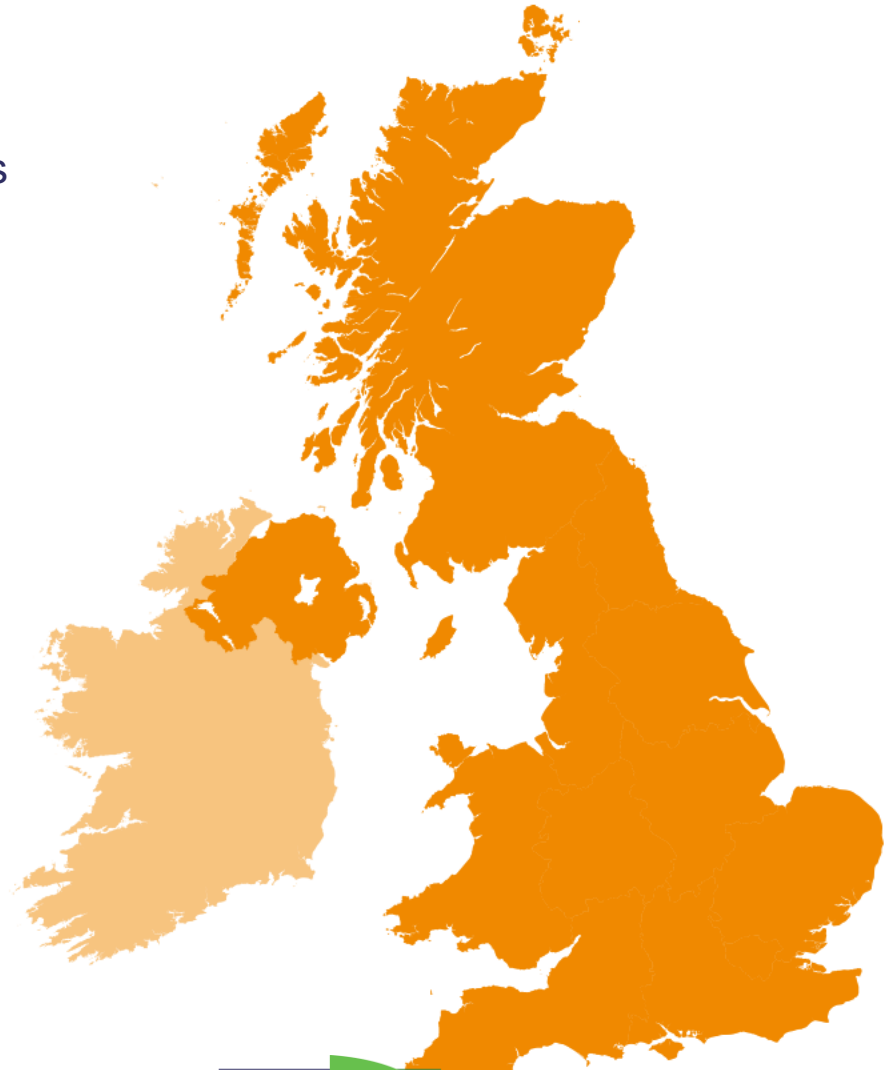
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Health Disparities – Programme overview

- AHRC-led multi-year transdisciplinary programme
 - Supported by MRC, NERC and ESRC
 - In partnership with National Centre for Creative Health (NCCH)
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- 12 research projects totalling £1.5m funded in phase 1
 - Programme Director, Health Disparities in post
 - Up to £3m committed in phase 2 to fund consortium-building projects
 - Plans for up to £20m in phase 3 to fund up to 10 consortia

Programme aims

- Develop testable and replicable collaborative models for integrating cultural, natural and community assets within the changing structures of health and social care, in order to achieve better integration at Integrated Care System (ICS) or equivalent level.
- Better understand the links between cultural, natural and community assets and health disparities at a local and ICS level, with a view to mobilizing those assets within health systems to support prevention and intervention strategies, particularly for people living in the most deprived areas.
- Understand the complexities, barriers and enablers of integrating the local asset ecosystem with the public health ecosystem.
- Converge data and learning from a range of local models to inform the spread and adoption of collaborative models across the UK.



Programme activity – phase 1

- Programme Director, Health Disparities appointed (Nov 2021).
- [12 UKRI pilot projects](#) totalling £1.5 million funded (commencing Jan 2022).
- A Directorate research programme, hosted by the [National Centre for Creative Health](#), is coordinating a national meta-research project using health systems research methods to understand barriers and enablers to partnerships between health and community assets.
- The programme brings together a range of national partners including:
 - NHS England’s Personalised Care Group
 - the National Academy for Social Prescribing
 - the National Centre for Creative Health

Pilot Projects (PI)

Mobilising Cultural and Natural Assets to Combat Health Disparities

- Art at the Start
- Arts and Culture in Health Ecosystems (ARCHES)
- Arts for the Blues
- Branching Out: Community Artscapers in Schools
 - Connecting Roots
 - Phoenix Takes Flight
- Prescribe Heritage Highland
- Rooted in Nature
- Scaling Up Inspiring Ashfield
- Scaling Up Human Henge
- Social Prescribing for All
- Wild Swimming and Blue Spaces



Research Directorate Aims:

- Support pilot projects and overseeing the national programme of research
- Ecosystem mapping
- Understanding barriers and enablers to better partnership working between community assets and health partners (Please complete the survey: <https://opinio.ucl.ac.uk/s?s=77867>)
- Knowledge exchange, translational activity and stakeholder engagement

Programme activity – phase 2

What is available?

- Grants of up to £250,000 (fEC) lasting 9 months
- Deadline 20th June
- Fixed start date of 1st November 2022

Your application should plan activities with partners that could lead to a functioning consortium ready to undertake research leading to:

- Improved understanding of the drivers of deprivation across communities
- Development and testing of new scalable models for integrated care systems (ICS), or devolved equivalents, to link with community assets



Thank you!

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