



Legacy Project

Background

One of the VTCTF Board's priorities set out in our 2024-7 strategic plan.

In the context of VTCTF moving into its final legacy phase.

Aim is to explore with members of the Appearance Collective (AC) and beyond their ideas for the future of the Appearance Collective and their feedback on the impact of VTCTF funding.

A project that we want to co-produce with you.



Aims

- 1) To explore with current and potential future members of the Appearance Collective the extent of their appetite to continue the AC.
- 2) To develop recommendations designed to maximise the impact and sustainability of the outputs and learnings from projects funded by the Foundation.
- 3) To gather information on the impact of VTCTF funding on service users, organisations and research in the field of visible difference.



The Project

The 10-month project will commence in September 2024 and will be delivered in two phases by Trustees of the VTCT Foundation (Rosanna Preston and Professor Nicky Rumsey) and the Foundation's Grants Manager, Lizzie Chambers.

- **Phase 1: 7 months: September 2024 – March 2025**

A series of interviews with AC members and ideally with a small number of relevant organisations who are currently not members of the AC. These will be either in-person organisation visits or online meetings.

- **Phase 2: 3 months: April 2025 – June 2025**

Using learnings from Phase 1, compile a report outlining options for

1. the future shape and functions of the Appearance Collective
2. the extent to which the VTCTF can support its development and sustainability
3. options for maximising the dissemination, uptake and impact of VTCTF-funded research

Feedback to members of the Appearance Collective throughout.



Questions to explore

The interviews will explore a range of issues, including:

1. How the AC charities see their future over the next 5-10 years; current priorities and challenges.
2. The extent of the enthusiasm amongst members to continue the AC after VTCTF winds down and ideas for how this might be shaped and led in future.
3. What aspects of the AC are attractive (now and in the future) and conversely, which aspects work less well.
4. The level of willingness of organisations to work closely together in relation to areas of overlapping interest.
5. Suggestions for improving access to the outputs from VCTCF funded projects (for example, evidence-based/authoritative information, support and interventions for people with visible differences).
6. How organisations we have funded perceive, or have evidence of, the impact of our funding – on their service users, on their organisation's development and where appropriate on the development of research in the visible difference sector.

Questions for you

We want to shape this project with you.

- Are there other areas we could/should explore?
- Your initial ideas on how AC members might work more closely together
- Any other comments or questions?

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