



## WHITE ROSE COLLABORATION FUND 2022

Learn more about the scheme, hear from a past project lead, and find out what the judging panel look for when they are scoring the bids.

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university consortium  
Universities of Leeds, Sheffield & York

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*“It is a great way to boost collaboration with colleagues across the WR universities - and beyond. Four funding bids came out of the network award - and so far, two have been successful. This would not have been possible without the support of the WRUC.”*

(PI, York)



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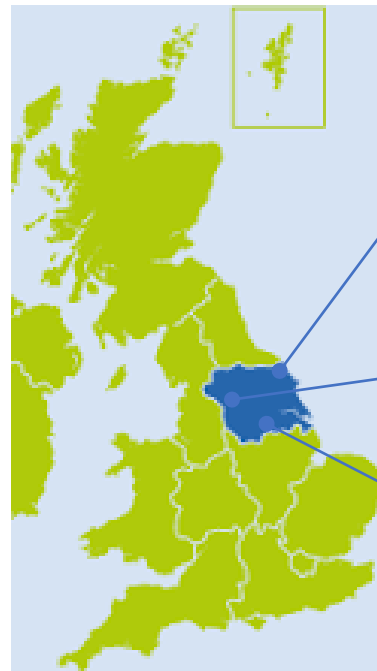


# What is the White Rose Collaboration Fund?



25 years 1997 - 2022

## White Rose: Supporting Collaboration



York

Leeds

Sheffield

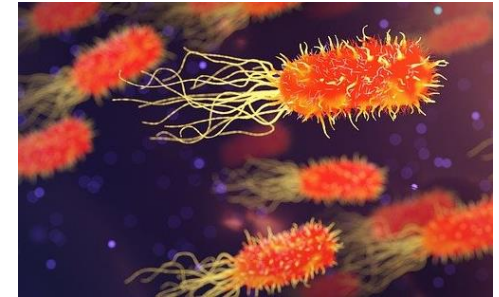
9,500 academic staff  
60,000 undergraduates  
27,000 postgraduates  
£1.9bn annual income



- **Bottom-Up approach via the Collaboration Fund**
- **Steer from White Rose Research & Innovation Group**
- **Large scale funding opportunities (reactive)**
- **Ad hoc approach for new collaborative ideas**

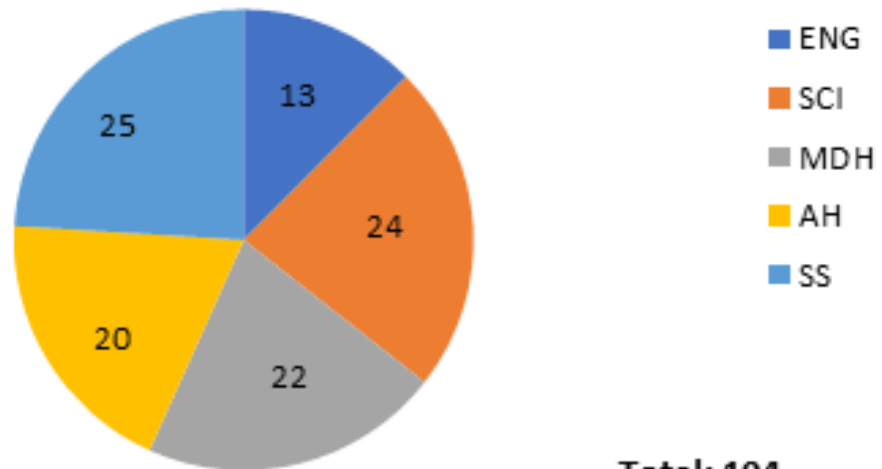
## Collaborative Tools

- **A strategic investment to encourage emerging research collaborations**
- **99 Projects funded to date**
- **Supports new research collaborations in any discipline**
- **Build academic connectivity**
- **Lead to larger and longer-term initiatives**
- **Support career development of staff members**



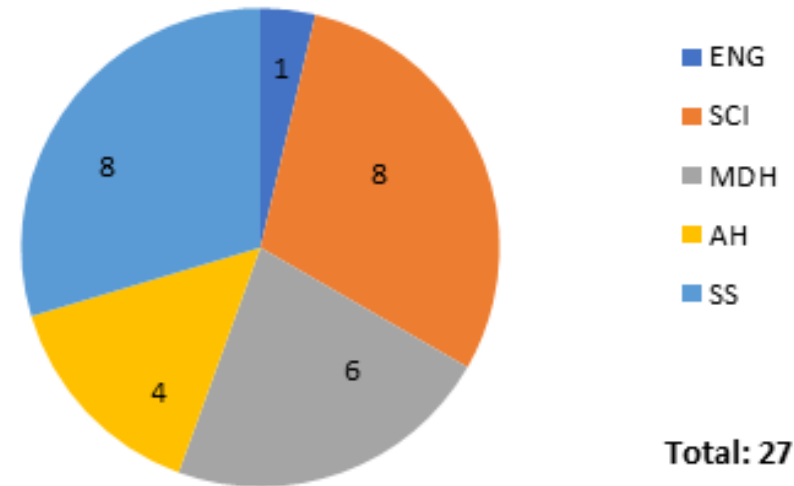
## Across all Disciplines

**Applications Received, by subject, 2016 - 2018**



Total: 104

**Applications Funded, by subject, 2016 - 2018**



Total: 27

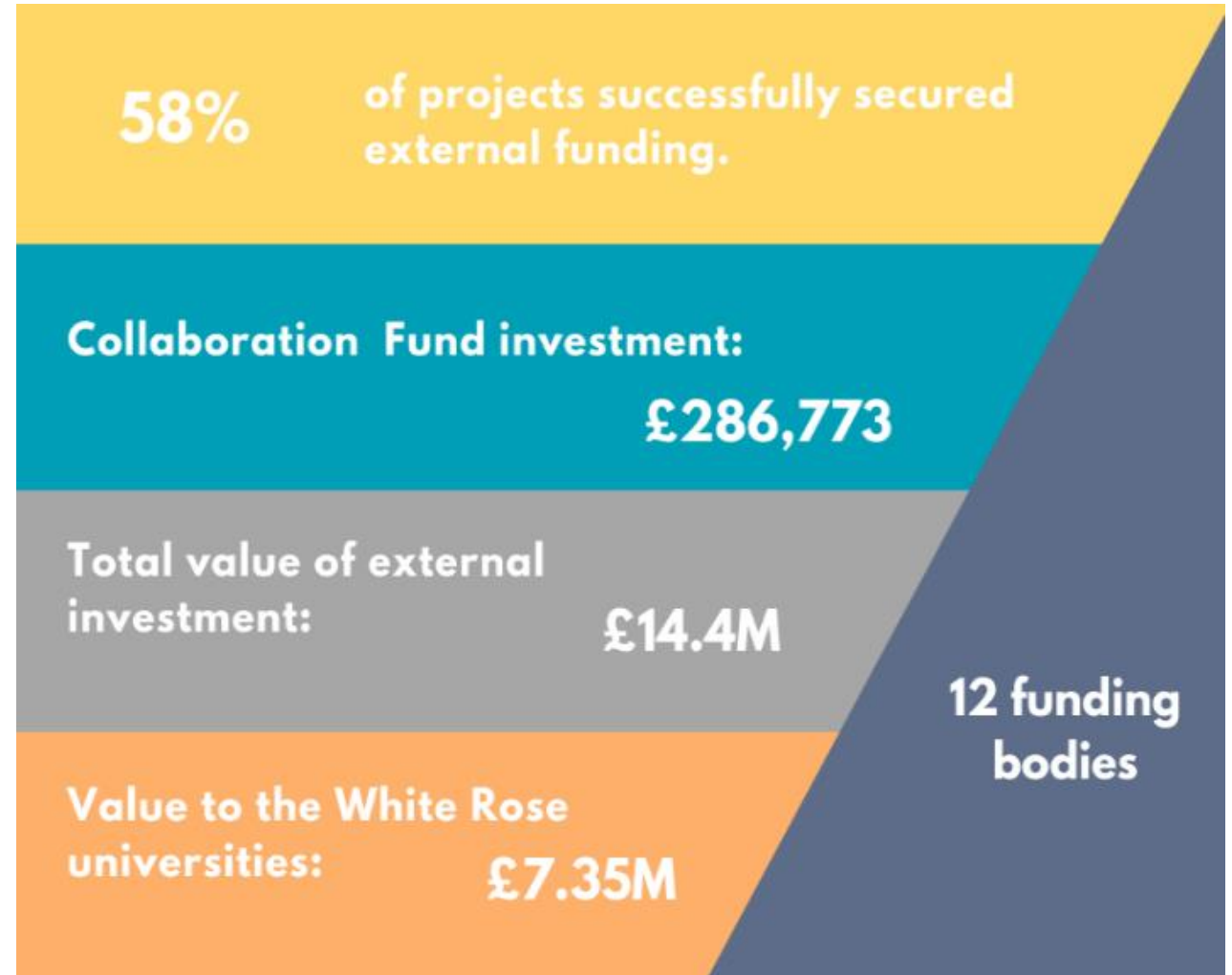


## External Investment

### From Collaboration Fund Review, 2016 – 2018

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Jim Uttley, Architecture, Sheffield



## Partnership Working

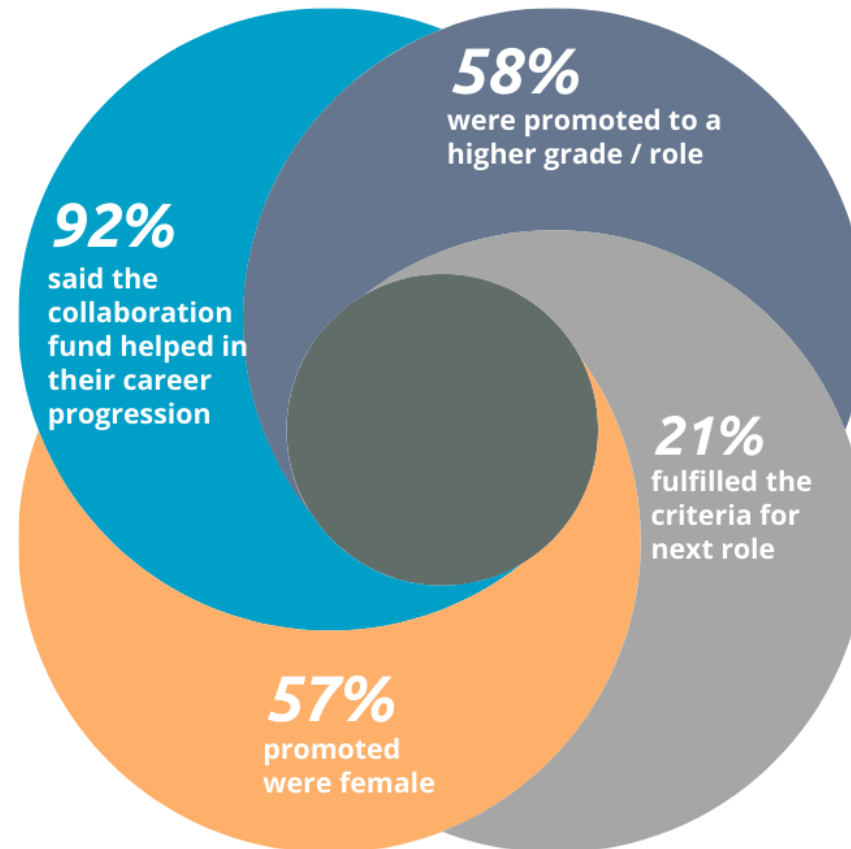
**96%**

agreed that the Collaboration  
Fund project enhanced  
partnerships across the WR  
universities

*“This scheme is a brilliant  
opportunity to foster a truly  
collaborative and intellectually  
generative environment among  
researchers who might not  
otherwise have the chance to  
engage with one another.”*

Simon Toner, History, Sheffield

**72%**  
continued to  
collaborate  
in one form or  
another



## Supporting Career Development

*“This funding was a real kick start to my career; it was instrumental in getting me on the path that I’m on now.”*

Lucie Middlemiss, Earth & Environment, Leeds

## Funded Projects

- 1) ***Infectious illness presenteeism in the age of COVID-19***  
Led by Rebecca Webster, Psychology, Sheffield
- 2) ***Innovating the future of bio-inspired autonomous robots for offshore renewable energy inspection***  
Led by Mark Post, Electrical Engineering, York
- 3) ***Domestic Violence and Marginalised Communities***  
Jointly led by Parveen Ali, Health Science and Michaela Rogers, Sociological Studies, Sheffield
- 4) ***Incept – Informed Circular Economy Products***  
Led by Prof Peter Ball, Management School, York
- 5) ***The Violent State in Historical Perspective***  
Led by Simon Toner, History, Sheffield
- 6) ***Oral Health White Rose Consortium***  
Jointly led by Julia Csikar and Karen Vinall-Collier, Leeds





# What makes a good application?

# Eligibility



White Rose  
university consortium

- must include participants **from all three Universities**
- a minimum of **two members of staff per institution**, with a lead member of academic staff at each University and an overall project lead
- between 12 and 18 months duration
- each project should have a value of between **£8k-20k**
- no payment made for academic staff time
- consumables are eligible but must be appropriate within the overall budget (*guideline: 30% of the budget.*)
- budgets should reflect the collaborative activities of the project
- panel is made up of the White Rose Research and Innovation Group (PVCs for Research, or equivalent position).

**One Round  
per Year**

**Closing date:**

**1200 on Friday 30  
September 2022**

White Rose Collaboration Fund – Application Form 2022

<b>Project Title:</b>	
<b>Lead University:</b>	
<b>Lead Academic at Lead University:</b> Including department	
<b>Lead Academics at other two Universities:</b> Including department	
<b>Other Staff (minimum one per University):</b> Including department	
<b>Other Partners (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Total value of application: £8k – 20k</b>	
<b>Project Duration: 12 – 18 months</b>	
<b>Section 1: Proposed Project</b> <b>[Assessment Criteria: Quality of the Proposed Project]</b>  Please describe the proposed project, making sure to cover the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Vision, Aims, Objectives</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>The Project Plan</u></b> (Describe all the project activities that will be undertaken.)</li> <li>• <b><u>Project Outcomes</u></b> (What this project will deliver? What are the intended outcomes of the project in the short, medium and long term?)</li> </ul>	
(maximum 900 words)	



- 1. Ambitious projects with well-defined goals and measurable outcomes**
- 2. Genuine collaboration with complementary expertise**
- 3. Networking and relationship building**
- 4. Career enhancing for all**
- 5. Clear and viable routes to research excellence**



**To stand out  
from the  
crowd?**





Assessment criteria	100%
Project quality	50
Logic for White Rose	25
Career development	25

# Examples



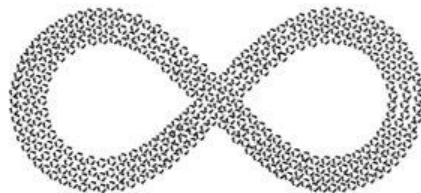


Oral Health White Rose Consortium

<https://whiterose.ac.uk/collaborationfunds/oral-health-white-rose-consortium-oh-wrc/>



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# UNLEASHING THE POWER OF VIRTUAL INFLUENCER MARKETING TO STIMULATE PROSOCIAL CAUSES

White Rose Collaboration Fund webinar

**Hossein Olya**

June 2022

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# Background

[White Rose Project](#) (£11k Sheffield, Leeds, York)-Sep 2021-one year project

York: KE project (£15k)→ Develop AI algorithm for target marketing in social media

A number of research projects→ quality outputs

HEIF fund (£70k-UoS) → [Virtual influencer with creative company](#)

NERC Discipline Hopping (£20k) → [bespoke game about recycling](#)

Long term plan: A sophisticated green game (£1-1.5 m)- VI is the key character-CCF





Sheffield  
University  
Management  
School.

- Human Studio
- Script Writer



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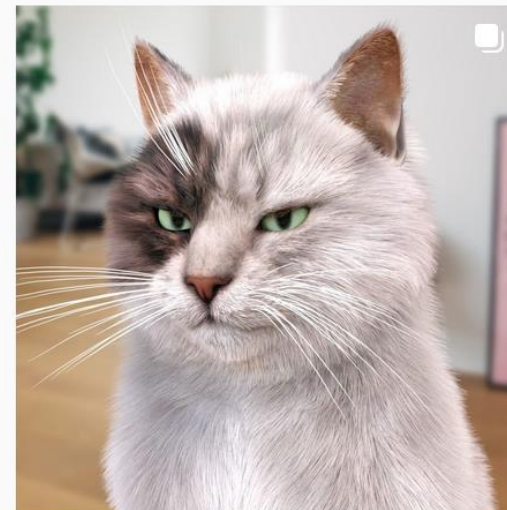
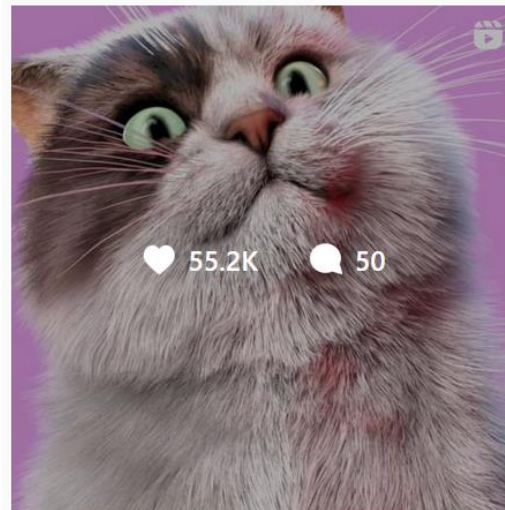
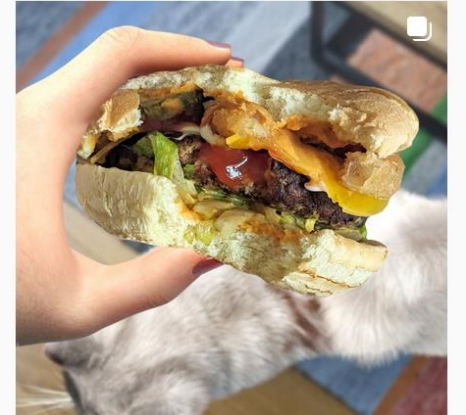
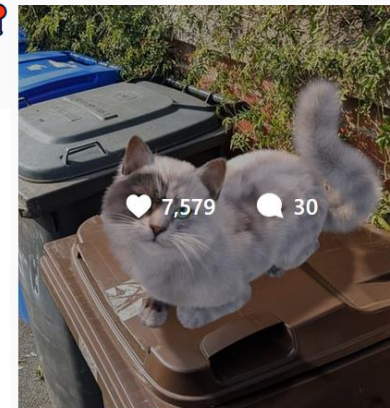
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3,216 followers

39 following

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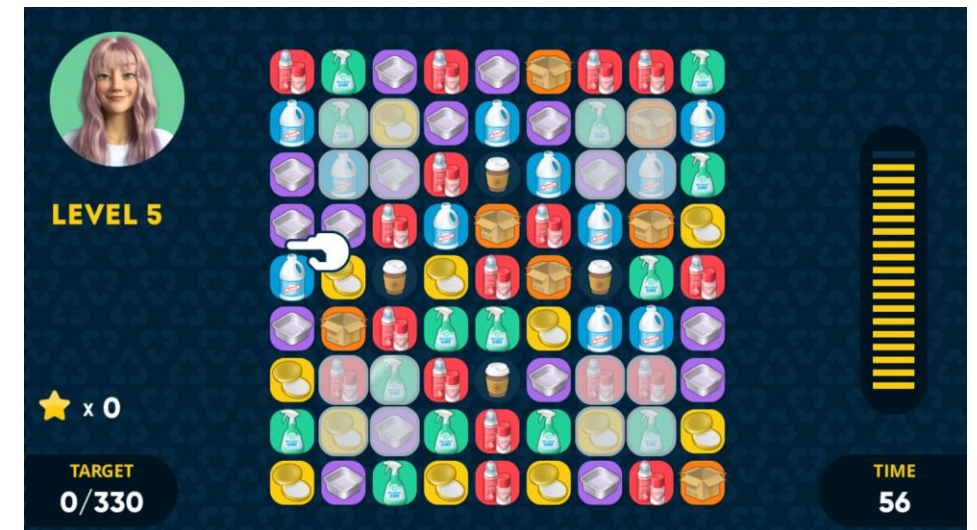
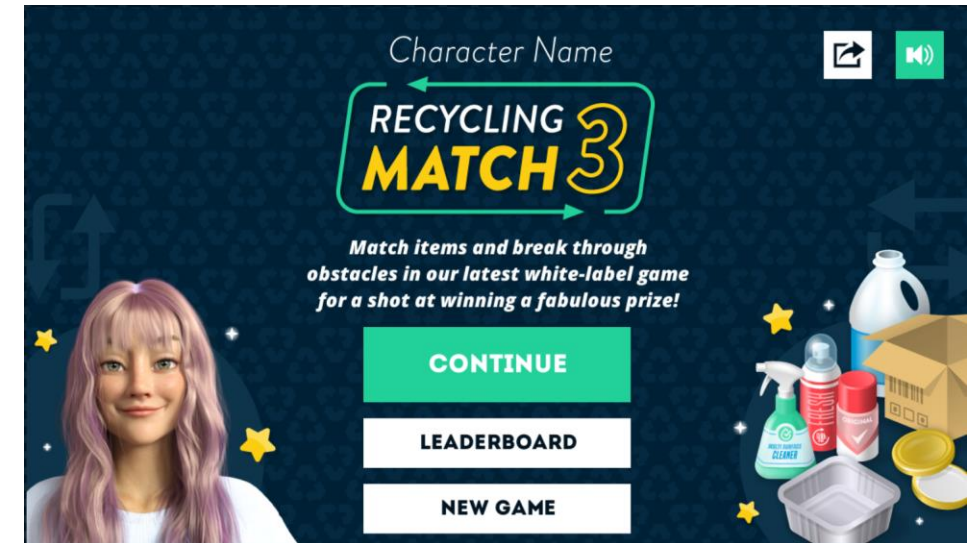
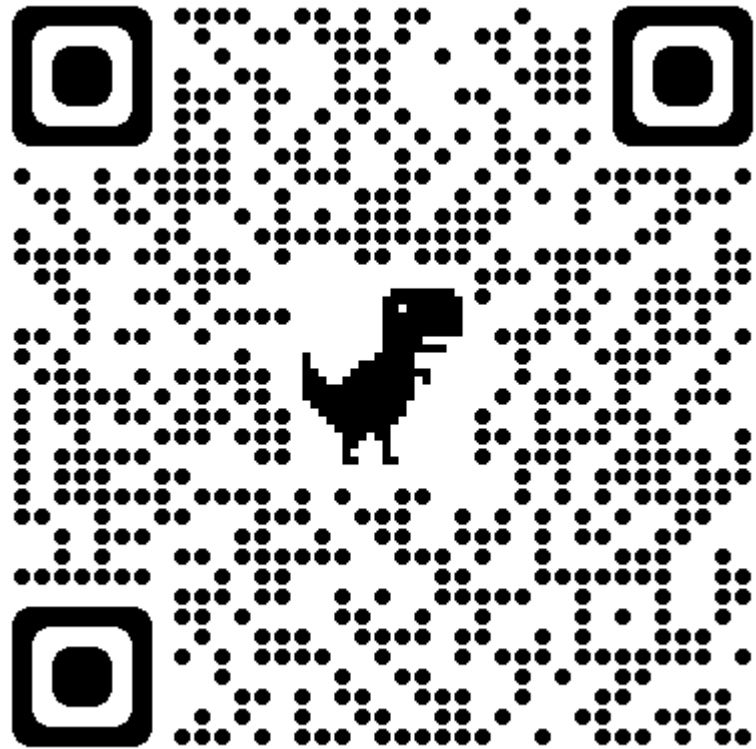
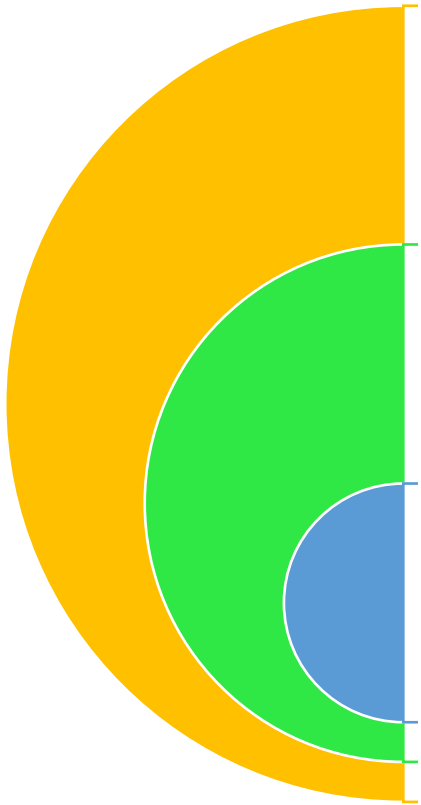
A virtual girl who loves the outdoors, videogames, sustainable living, and her cat Hank





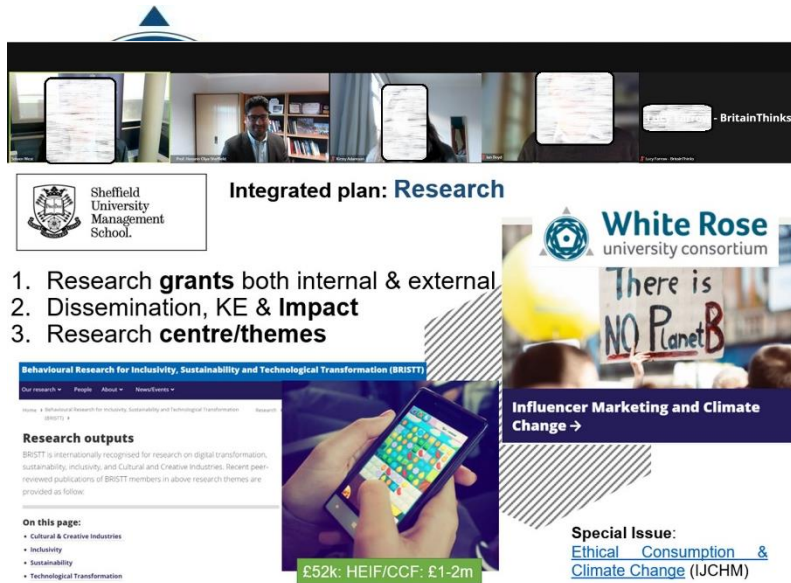
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Environment  
Research Council

## NERC Discipline Hopping project




<https://uos-match3-2022.appspot.com>






UK Universities: January 2022

Thailand, June 2022



Natural Environment Research Council



Sheffield University Management School

## NERC Discipline Hopping Event

Creative Solutions to Tackle Climate Change

Prof. Hossein Olya

March 2022



Rotherham, World capital culture 2025

# Opportunities & Challenges

**New opportunities (e.g., projects, talk)**

**Building an interdisciplinary team**



# Thanks

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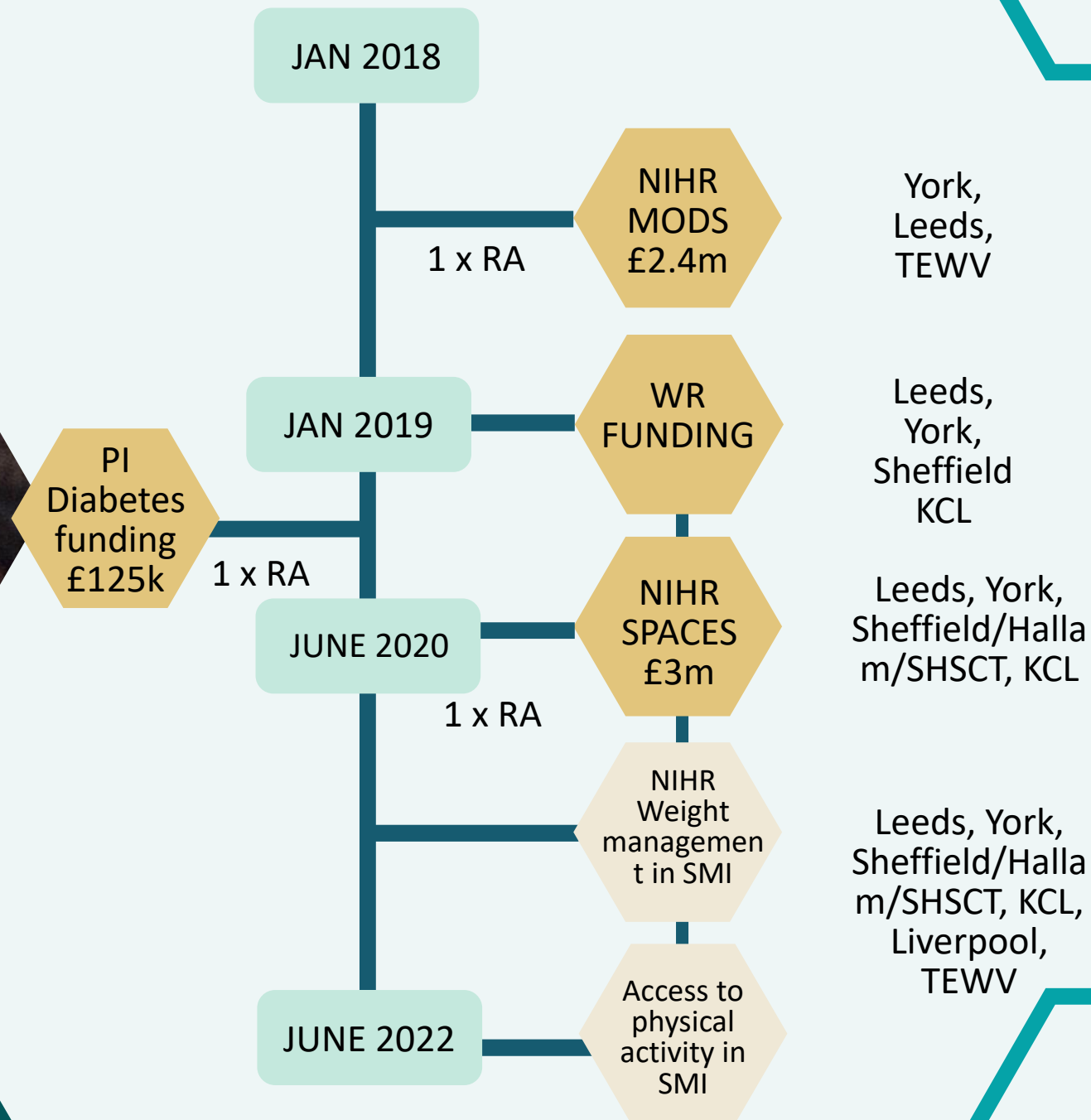
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- **HOW EASY WAS IT TO GET FUNDING?**

- **WHAT BENEFITS DID IT BRING?**

# TIPS FOR A GOOD APPLICATION



- **MANAGEABLE PROJECT WITH COSTINGS**
- **FOCUS ON DEVELOPING A STRONG COLLABORATION**
- **DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PROJECT WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE 3 INSTITUTIONS**
- **EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT**
- **MENTOR**





**Thank you**

# Questions?

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