



We Are The People- Community Research Grants

Grant overview:

[We Are The People](#) is a small research team of disabled academics and non-disabled allies engaged in disability research and disability activism within the Southwest of England.

We've been awarded a grant from the [Wellcome Trust](#) to explore issues which affect disabled people in the South West. We're seeking to commission three community groups to work alongside our academic team to produce research that matters to their local disabled communities.

We believe that research should be led by disabled people and that they should be involved in each stage of the research.

We are looking to work with groups that have lived experience of or have professional links and knowledge of working with Disabled people who are:

- Interested in exploring the variety of sexual expression (this can include disabled people, sex workers, medical professionals or carers)
- People with Dementia and their caregivers and family members
- Have experience of working with or being a service user of a Disabled People's Organisation (DPO).

Together we will co-produce a research question, based upon the needs of the groups (listed above) and challenges faced within the region.

The research project should culminate in an end of project event or a project resource or output should be produced as well as academic reporting and dissemination events.

How the research project will take place:

- This research project will take place over a 6-month period and can be conducted online or in person based on the needs of the groups involved.
- Your group or organisation will be partnered with a Research Theme Leader and a Research Fellow from the university to help conduct the research.
- A group leader must be available for weekly meetings consisting of one hour with the university researchers as well as additional working groups or workshops with research participants.
- Together a working group consisting of Disabled people, professionals, family members and allies connected to the research theme will be formed to create the research question.

- Once the working group have devised a research question the team will outline the project idea, outcomes, monitoring and evaluation plan, budget and where possible identify a legacy for the project.
- The project must have university ethical approval before any research takes place, this will be completed primarily by the university team with input from you.
- Research data will be collected for the project. This can be via focus groups, online surveys, creative sessions or in any other way that is suitable for the needs of the people involved.
- Evaluation and analysis of data will be completed. Although the majority of report writing will be conducted by the university, we would like our community partner to feed into this process.
- A celebratory event to disseminate research findings will be held.

Total funding:

Applicants can apply for up to £15,000.00. An estimated breakdown of costs will be required on the application form.

Reasonable Adjustments:

We have a separate budget to cover any Reasonable Adjustments for staff or research participants which isn't included in the £15,000.00. Please include any expected costs for Reasonable Adjustments if known.

Eligibility:

- A lead applicant must apply on behalf of an organisation, charity group or collective relating to the relevant research themes to carry out activities in the Southwest of England.
- We will accept applications from freelance artists and facilitators with an endorsement from the affiliated group. Please include this in your application.
- Activities must be delivered within 6 months of receiving the funding.
- The group must include representatives who have lived experience of, or professional experience of, our research themes listed above.

What can we fund?

Eligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Project team fees. This can be staff wages/buy out or overtime.
- Event hosting costs - including venue hire, catering etc.
- Event production costs - including organisation support
- Access support & accessible travel costs.
- Training costs.
- Travel and subsistence - for meeting partners, attending events etc.
- Partner costs.
- External facilitation.
- Development of materials, resources or prototypes.
- Evaluation costs.

What can't we fund?

- Building running costs, such as utility bills.
- Other running costs for your organisation.

Application deadline:

Please email the completed application form with any other additional supporting information to:

WeAreThePeople@bathspa.ac.uk by **23rd February 2025 at 11.59pm**

For an informal discussion about the grants and research themes please contact the following:

- Dementia theme: Dr Ben Simmons, b.simmons@bathspa.ac.uk
- Disability and sex theme: Dr Stuart Read, s.read@bathspa.ac.uk
- Disabled People's Organisations theme: Dr Theo Blackmore, t.blackmore@bathspa.ac.uk

Please note:

Successful awardees will be asked to sign a collaborative agreement, and manage funding in line with the [Wellcome Trust's Grant Conditions](#).