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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Jaideep Gupte will talk you through the start of the presentation.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Thank you, Barry.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: I've been asked to start my video, which I

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: I hope now is is visible.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: I also hope I'm I'm audible, Barry. Wi-fi connections, not

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: preventing the wonderful. I also have my fan worrying in the background. I hope the laptop is able to to to remove any distortions to sound. But, Barry, please do let me know if if at any stage. I'm inaudible.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Welcome. Colleagues! I'm a brown male in my mid-forties, South Asian heritage. My pronouns are e him.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: I'm sat in my study at my house. My. The background is visible, blurred behind me. But you can just about see my bookshelf.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: My role at the Hrc. Is Director of Research Strategy, Innovation.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And I would first of all like to just say how delighted I am to have I can see well over 600 of us here lots more have registered. So I'm I'm hoping they'll join along the way. Notice also to say the first one of our Webinars had a technical glitch where several colleagues that had registered couldn't join in, so I hope

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: some of you are back with us and are able to join. But, as Barry said, we will

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: record this and make this available I'll have a couple of slides to see the agenda before us very straightforward, and we'll leave enough time for QA.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Which I'll be happy to pick up if you have any questions of the matter that I present.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Barry, if we can move along on the slide deck. Thank you. So

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: what I wanted to do right at the start was to lay the context of

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: where the impetus to drive for these changes has come from

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: now. We started on this process quite some time ago. Towards the the end of 2021

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: working with members of our advisory group who challenged us to review our responsive mode offer, and the proposition was to ensure we were supporting larger.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: bolder, indeed, more impactful research projects.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: So since then we've held quite a number of focus groups. In 2022 to to get a better sense of the issues and challenging and and and sort of challenges that you all were facing.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: In applying to our grants and delivering our responsibility schemes.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and we followed this up with a further set of workshops in March this year. specifically looking at the development of our catalyst and curiosity schemes which

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: you all, I'm sure, have heard often, will be going through it in some detail today.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: So I wanted to narrow in on the context that led to these changes. So, as I said, in 2021 HRC. Developed a a clear and what I think was an ambitious vision, a vision that that really placed responsive moored discovery research

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: alongside 3 vision sectors addressing global challenges, support of and a closeness with our cultural assets and a maturing relationship with the creative industries.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: So alongside this vision, we developed a theory of change which also is available online. Please do

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: revisit that as you prepare to engage with these schemes. The theory of change really outlines our desire to be open to be willing to do things differently.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: to support the best ideas.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And we carry forward through these changes our role in championing for the arts and humanities. And, practically speaking, we do need to do this in the context of

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: a rising cost of living, indeed, a cost of carrying out research, an obvious point. But

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: some of our schemes have had not been substantially reviewed in well over a decade, and the the upper limits of our grants were

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: out of date, and and we did recognize that as one of the factors, possibly narrowing the scope of our ambition

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: now coming together as part of one U Kri also raise the significance of a reduced bureaucracy. That could at the same time lead on shifts in research, culture, in research culture. So this brought us to

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: matters like the technicians, commitment our people and culture, strategy. And indeed it brought us to learning from other councils their schemes. That they know work well for their communities.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And finally.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: in the recent past we have received keystone reviews. So be very pertinent here to point out the grant and take L reviews that require us to make it easier to apply for public funding

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and to reduce the complexity of our schemes. Barry, if you can move to the next slide. So this brings me to what we are hoping our changes will achieve.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Now, what we've proposed delivers directly against our commitment to enable diverse

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and inclusive discovery research as part of our responsive mode offer. So our intention is very much to increase flexibility, so that researchers can make decisions

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: as to what approach to constructing a project best suits their discipline or their thematic area. We want to improve support for progression through our schemes. Now you'll hear more of this in some detail in the coming

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: slides. But a simplified structure of the 4 schemes, we think, is better able to scaffold across career stages and therefore provide increased support for talent development. For example.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: we want to support emerging arts and humanities, talent or ecr success rates have suffered late.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and there was quite, and this aspect was quite central to our thought process in building the new schemes, and in this

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: similar vein we have introduced a focus on outcomes and competencies to replace sort of rigid definitions of career stages that we had in the past

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and alongside better support for all career stages, and particularly early career. As I, as I say.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: but we are also recognizing here that there are other points at which there may be barriers to accessing our our funding. We're

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: through our changes attend attending to be responsive to those.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Finally, our aim is to offer provision for larger, and more ambitious projects.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: This is really about being able to better and and and I suppose in a bolder sense, have impact in society.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Including enabling team led projects and building capability in the community to deliver arts and humanities, research, leadership?

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And, of course, to underscore a sense of leadership in an interdisciplinary. Indeed, multidisciplinary context.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: At this stage, Barry, if I can ask you to stop sharing our slides. as I would like to introduce Professor Dan Arnold, who is a member of Hrc's Advisory Board.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Dana, when you come on. If you could introduce yourself as well, but it'd be wonderful if you could offer some of your insights on the ins and impacts of these schemes as you've been so closely involved in and advising us. As we've developed the new schemes.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Dana, can I hand over to you. Yes, by all means.

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Dana Arnold: Well, thank you, Jody. Well, good morning, everybody and I'm Professor Dana Arnold, as Jodit said. I'm a member of the Hrc. Advisory Board, and I've been on the board since 2020. I'm also the current Co. Chair of the Hrc. Dfa joint funding initiative, and I've

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Dana Arnold: chaired a number of award panels and being a panel member, so I suppose I was invited, because I've got experience of how awards are actually handled, applications are handled, and so forth.

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Dana Arnold: The Hrc. Officers certainly consulted extensively with the Advisory Board, and we set up a working party which was very representative of the sector. To try and get a sense of the changes in research and the institutional research structures, and indeed, expectations which had moved on since the initial response mode schemes were established.

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Dana Arnold: And the working party went on for about a year or so. And then findings came back to the whole Advisory Board for feedback, and the membership of the Advisory Board is available on the Hrc. Website. And as you'll see, it's a broad sweep of expertise which I think overall was very valuable in the formation of these 2 new schemes.

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Dana Arnold: The schemes themselves are going to be an important and significant change. And first of all, I think if I could address the curiosity awards which are for a hundred 1,000 pounds and

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Dana Arnold: as Jeddak said, it's not so much creating a kind of stepping stone. But this is really for everyone who wants to test a new idea. And I think this is really important, because sometimes

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Dana Arnold: projects almost want a guaranteed outcome. And here we're kind of thinking. Wh what do you think might fly and really, you know, put put it to is what's novel, what's interesting, what's bold, what's innovative and what steps outside the establish kind of envelope, if you like, or

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Dana Arnold: academic research. And I'd say here that many of you probably heard earlier this week that the UK has rejoined the horizon program, and these kinds of awards could be very much that kind of important first step in thinking about a larger project. Such as horizon, or indeed a larger Hrc or Ukri interdisciplinary Award and I think it's important to note that

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Dana Arnold: it is possible to have overseas project partners and partners from other stakeholders. In the UK.

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Dana Arnold: At this point I think it's also important to stress that the lone scholar hasn't been forgotten in this. There can be solo projects. But what

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Dana Arnold: what Hrc is looking for is contextualizing that within a broader framework.

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Dana Arnold: so the low scholar hasn't been abandoned. It's just how does that particular project fit in a broader academic frame?

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Dana Arnold: And so

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Dana Arnold: that really takes on board something like, for example, the old network scheme which is now gone, but has really been absorbed into the The curiosity award. So you can have, for example, a network which explores an idea which is a lone scholar project, or indeed something that moves on to the next stage, such as a larger grant

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or horizon, or something like that.

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Dana Arnold: The catalyst project is art schemes are a little bit more defined in that. It's really not for researchers who've already got. A steady track record of Grant income, and again, the details are, I'm sure, will be outlined later on in this webinar. But to my mind. Both of these schemes are important because they provide a scaffold

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Dana Arnold: for somebody to develop their research career. They encourage different kinds of research and different kinds of collaboration and enable you to develop an idea and move on.

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Dana Arnold: And they also embed important things, such as mentoring.

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Dana Arnold: So it's that idea of sharing experience, whether a new researcher shares their experience with an experienced one or vice versa, and I think that kind of exchange is very important, and can work, as I've said, in both ways.

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Dana Arnold: so I think I can probably speak for the whole Advisory Board and say, we're very excited about these new schemes, and we'll be very keen to see how they develop and what kinds of applications come in in the first round, which I believe closes very soon. So thank you.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Thank you so much. Dana.



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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: HRC. Colleagues can I ask for the slide deck to be brought up and then picked up by

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: the next speaker.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Fantastic. Thank you very much. Dana and Jody. Hi, everybody! Good morning. My name is Ruth. I am head operations at Hrc. I'll walk you through some more of the details of the schemes. A little bit of a reflection on both new funding service before we then open for questions. So

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: in terms of what will change. You've you've heard a lot of the the drivers already this morning, but we're just laying it out really clearly here, in terms of the list on the left is the responsive mode schemes that were running up until effectively the start of this year, noting that there was a separation within research grants and research development engagement fellowships with a standard career and an early career route for each.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And what we've ended up doing is sort of consolidating these, increasing that flexibility while simplifying the framework. So we've got the structure on the right effectively. From this point onward at the current moment. In time we do have round one within the funding service, open for each one of those schemes

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: go up to the next slide, please. but we've got a visual here.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: You can start to really see that structure and that scaffolding that we've already heard about this morning so important to note here. It's flexible. We're not intending this to be linear. You can come in at any point to any of the schemes as and when is relevant for both your research and also where you are as well within your career path.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: We're also really keen to acknowledge the wire landscape at play so that green there, we're very conscious of a porosity

both within and and sort of outside of the research innovation ecosystem, and also the interaction we have with other funders as well. So you can see how we're starting to think about how we map to the Erc philosophy. There in purple with starter, Consolidated and advanced.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Before we go into detail of the new schemes. Just a couple of notes on research grants and fall on funding. So research grants. The purpose of this scheme remains unchanged. We've not moved away at all from well being up to now, with these being larger, more collaborative research projects. But what we have done is change. The funding limit

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so acknowledging as Jidd touched on the increased cost of research, and also the deep ambitions that we know, the research communities that we fund have. We've moved from a 50,000 pound lower level to 300,000 pound lower level.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: an upper level of 1 million about the limit. Rather 1 million pounds to 1.5 million pounds.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And then the follow on fund as well. Here we haven't at this time made any changes to the scheme, but we absolutely recognize that there is potential to review that and adjust it in the future in response to changes or making to the wide responsible structure and evaluation. As we continue to do that.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so go to the next slide, please.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Super. So we've got laid out nice and clear here. Curiosity on the left, catalyst on the right. So I'll touch on curiosity first. So really, as Daniel was saying, we're really wanting to fund larger awards compared to the previous research networking scheme that we had in place, and we've provided a much more flexible scope in order to support a wider range of activities.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Really, what we're wanting to drive to wall is funding more high risk, high reward projects. So sort of an example of where, you know, we might expect particularly innovative models could be within knowledge, exchange, and projects that are particularly bold in their desire to engage with the wider public.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Important to note what we are doing with this scheme is trying to duplicate what other funders are actually better positioned to support and fund. And so what we're really wanting to do is offer something that will spark the needs genuinely novel and build toward those bigger opportunities. Those bigger agendas potentially work toward larger grants within our structure, or indeed with other funders.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So we absolutely acknowledge we need our assessment process for the scheme to evaluate the potential for impact. What we want to do is to empower our review panels to ensure. They are indeed supporting those more risky but novel ideas without bringing in an overly complicated process. So what that means is, we will be running assessment panels for this scheme, which is a lighter process. It doesn't generate written feedback for each proposal.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: but what we will be doing is enhancing the guidance that we are providing to panelists so that they can support the sorts of projects or wanting to see.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: and then, from an applicant perspective as well. We applied standard Ukri eligibility policies to this scheme and we purposely kept the scope open. So we've not provided a list of exactly what is in or out in terms of the activities that you might want to come in with, and the cost that you might want to come in with but instead left it open

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: and flexible, so that you can come in with whatever project you believe to be the most important one that will advance your research agenda.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So do come in with a flexible sort of range of costs as as you can, and just ensure that that's justified, and the impact that that will have is articulated within the application

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: on the right, the catalyst awards here.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So really, this touches on the the points made by by both speakers earlier today in terms of this is really rooted in our analysis of our success rates, particularly thinking about early career researchers. Also the engagement that we've we've done with the community where we identified really a critical gap that we wanted to be able to address. And this seems a positive step forward to try and create that change.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So when we're thinking about eligibility. We've we've moved away from a set Ecr definition which is based on a number of years post Ph. D.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Toward a self identification model which an individual can work out, their own eligibility based on their grant, holding history, other skills, and experience and will be asking within the application form. The applicants just note down the way in which they are indeed eligible for these awards and the resulting impact that they expect that this would have on their career.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I don't know if this is for anybody else out there. Yeah.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: make sure that box wasn't blocking anybody else. So

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: back to thinking about our eligibility.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: one of the key drivers in doing this is really broadening our definition in what it means to hold a first substantial grant. We had some very interesting feedback through the focus groups.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So this flexibility really actually opens the scheme up to mid career. Researchers also, who may have actually found themselves a bit of a disadvantage within our responsive known structure. They might not have had a grant holding history before for very logical reasons, perhaps because of a non traditional career path, for example, and they were inadvertently locked out on previous structure. So this we're really hoping is a way to come in

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: kick, start that leadership experience and then also move towards larger grants. Later down the career track. development is incredibly important within this scheme. So what we really want to see is justifiable development plans for every single member of the project team alongside the project you need embedded within the project design within the management and appropriate support structures in place to deliver this.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So mentoring, which Dana talked about earlier. That's incredibly important, and we are very open to costs being included for such arrangements, whether or previously, potentially, the barrier to including a mentor on a project. For that reason

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: in terms of that process. For this scheme. We will be operating a more standard assessment process or written peer review a pi response stage and then sending applications that make it through to a moderation panel or really confident that that means that emerging researches will end up with full feedback on their applications which we believe in. It's very important. Given that development slot.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So really, it's as much about supporting people, this award as is a catalyst for the best ideas. And we really want to ensure with funding what it takes to do that

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: on an eligibility. Note what? Because we opted for a self identification role, we're not actually in a position to be able to provide individual but eligibility advice to applicants. The section of the application form that an applicant will fill in to. I articulate their eligibility. We won't be checking that within the office that will go straight through to peer reviewers for experts.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Assessments.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So what we are hoping for is to really create more of a cultural step, change and then empowering applicants to apply for what they need when they need it and leaving it open to articulate their case.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: File note on this slide before I move forward, just because I didn't mention on curiosity funding projects between one pound and 100,000 pounds. What that really means is projects up to a thousand 100,000 pounds. Of course we know we're not. We're not being. We're not expecting projects to come in for a pound. That's purely an artifact of a funding system. But we work within where we have to place a nominal lower value.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: and then catalyst awards lower limit that 100,000 pounds up a limit. 300,000 pounds.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Sorry. Just a couple of slides here on the funding service

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so hopefully by now you'll heard of the new funding service which is really bringing together all constituent parts of Ukri closer together in the way that we're all approaching, delivering, funding opportunities

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so increasingly. What we really hope is that you'll be seeing more simplification and more consistency both across Ukri and within Hrc's own funding opportunities, and actually by making our changes to the responsive mode structure that we have at the same times, introducing those more consistent questions. That's we're really hoping to maximize the benefit that you'll see from this change.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: important to note, there is a little. It's it's a little bit small on this screen at the moment, but we will send the slides around afterwards. And you'll be able to see, there is a feedback link in the beta ribbon at the top of the page. Every single page of the funding service the simple better funding team is actually continuing to develop the system in response to feedback they receive.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so would very much encourage anybody interacting with the system to keep engaging in that process and note your comments so the developers can review, and can ensure that by continuing to build the system in a way that meets your needs.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And then, lastly, here. So

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: The sort of better funding team really challenged us, and we were very keen to step up to the plate to adopt the principle only asking for what we need once, at the point at which we need it within an application.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So what that means to you is far fewer attachments and then for us, we'll actually, in the long run be able to automate some of the eligibility checks which we've been doing in the office to restream the application process and ultimately reduce any returns for amendment that we might need to make.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I can move to the next screen, please.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So on an assessment front. The simplicity that you see at the application stage follows through for assessors, too. So, rather than navigating through many, many attachments, reviewers and panelists will be able to see everything

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: to do with an application in one place on one page that is printable downloadable, so you can use whichever accessibility tools you need to in order to review the application.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: but

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: in terms of the guidance as well. This this principle also follows through so assessors will be able to see the applicant guidance alongside each section of the submission application to make incredibly clear what was being asked for, and then what we are asking the assessments to be done against

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: this will remove the need to pick through all of these different documents and attachments that you know we've had in jazz make it much easier to match information up to the assessment criteria

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: and then, when we come to panels as well panelists, everything will be able to be done within the service. Reading, documentation, submitting schools, and that should result in an overall. Smoother experience.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: If we go to the next slide, please.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So what we have here is just a table outline, the word count for each section of the application form for each of our schemes. So you have our responsive mode structure schemes along top, row there and then sections down the left hand column

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so hopefully. What I'll what you're starting to see again, here really is that simple location standardization that we're wanting to introduce for responsive mode. We've got some proportionate variations within the approach section with different word counts for each scheme, and that's just reflecting the specific aims of the scheme.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: the sections down the left these are. It's the same core question set for other parts of ekrai will be using for responsive mode with the application form structured around those specific headings. And the full details of all of this can be found on the Ekrai simply better funding web pages. But just to draw a couple of headlines to your attention in relation to Hrc responsive main schemes in particular.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: The cases support section that you attachment role that you would have had in Jess. That's largely replaced by the vision and approach sections of the application for. But the flexibility is there for you to reflect any information that would have been in the case support section in any other relevant section.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: The applicant and team capability to deliver section this uses resume for research and innovation principles and replaces previous requirements. We had the Cvs and publication list, so no longer be asking for those separate standalone attachments.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And then also what you're not seeing down the left hand side. That is a data management plan. So we are actually



trialing the removal of this plan. In our efforts to reduce bureaucracy. Essentially, with our within our application processes. But we would still expect that any ethical considerations, for example, in relation to the use of data would be reflected within the ethics and responsible research and innovation. Section

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: of course, do refer to the funding finder as well for for full details of each of the schemes. This should be acting as a one-stop shop with all information you need there, in order to apply so over the course of the coming year or so. What this also means in terms of Hrc publish guidance is will be changing the approach we take.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And ultimately the 100 page plus research funding guide. Pdf, that will be streamlined and wherever possible will be using the same harmonized guidance. Other parts of Ukri, again, in order to make it simpler to navigate and particularly benefit those who may, in fact, be applying to multiple councils

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: with with interdisciplinary teams.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: But if we go to the next slide, please.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: this is my last one before we'll go to the QA. Just a quick reflection on our transition to the funding service. so.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: as you may have heard of many different cols. The funding service is, in fact, being developed iteratively. So that means the functionality available will change over time. At the moment we aren't able to launch open calls within the funding service. So, as an interim measure, we are launching these opportunities as consecutive rounds with set closing dates, and that's just so that we can ensure that each batch of applications is receiving a fair and actual treatment.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: You can see the dates here round one. We've got each one of those open at the moment. With research funding, closing this month in curiosity and catalyst closing next month. But there'll be a very short pause before we open around 2

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: for each of them. In September or October. Round. 3 will follow in much of the fashion, and we'll be publishing dates around 3 within the next couple of months. Importantly, this doesn't mean that you need to also be approach. You take into developing and submitting applications. As long as we receive a say stream to optures like we always have, we'll continue to process the process them as they come in.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So you don't need to think of these closer days as deadlines as such. It's only so that you can submit to the right round, based on when your application is ready. And just so you have utter clarity of how the assessment process will work.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Just finally, I'm very aware this all sounds like an awful lot of change. So I do also just want to take a moment to reflect on what won't be changing.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Ultimately, we're still here to fund excellent research. And that's where that is found, and that as a core commitment within our strategic delivery plan or vision theory change, and all of those remain in place and unchanged by this project. Indeed! What it means to conduct excellent research that hasn't changed either. And the discussions across the sector about what that actually means in practice, we really hope those will continue on also unaffected.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: But what we're hoping is that by simplifying the requirements that we are asking of you. It will actually be much easier to articulate and assess that excellence in research within our response of those schemes.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: and to that end the Ukraini principles of assessment and decision making those remain unchanged too. We are, of course, still a public body, and the principles of public life which underpin. Those principles are still very much a part of everything we do.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So thank you very much, and I'm going to pass back to Barry.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Thank you, Roush.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So there are 2 final slides which I won't talk through, but we will circulate these slides afterwards, so I'd like to draw your attention to the final 2 slides.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: the first of which has a set of useful links, for

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: from hrc. About the schemes. and the second slide is a set of useful links about the new Grant system. So when you do receive the slides, please do note those. You might already have some of those links bookmarked.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: so I'll stop sharing.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: so we will

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: now start the Q&A session.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So please do submit any questions you have using the Zoom. Q&A functionality.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: You might notice any questions being submitted will sort of disappear. That's because we've got A team of colleagues in the background who are collating them, and they'll be read out by our colleague Beth.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So with that

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Beth, do you have any questions for the panel?

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thanks, Barry, and thank you every one for sending in lots of fantastic questions, and we'll work through as many as we can live this morning. So I'll just start with some questions surrounding the new scheme's scope and criteria. So the first question is, what is your definition for leading a significant research project for the catalyst award? Is this dependent on monetary values.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: It's more about the role that individuals has within the project. So if you've been a principal investigator or in our mutex Domini, a project lead on a an award. And if that award is not within the list of exceptions which we've published on our website, it's unlikely that we would anticipate you coming into the catalyst award.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thanks, Ruth, and when A. HRC. Talks about there being no list and more flexibility with these new schemes? Are we saying that nothing is outside of our boundaries for funding as long as it's within a HRC. Remit.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So all of our usual costing guidance will apply in the sense that if and this, this is standard across, you care right? Really? If

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: something would have been reasonably expected to be found within Departmental budgets already exist within a department. So, for example, standard laptops, we wouldn't expect to see that in our ward. on an application.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: However, anything else. As long as it's clearly supported the award, it's been really well articulated and justified within the application, so that the assessment process peer reviewers and the panel can really understand what purpose is. We're not pushing anything out of scope.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thank you. And does the catalyst award require demonstration of impact within and beyond academia, as indicated for research grants.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I'll come to that. But then please do chip in anybody else in the panel as well, you have thoughts. Hsc takes quite a

wide, ranging view on impact. And that will apply across here as well. We're not thinking about it in ref terms. And so there's

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: it's more important that the the range of impact is is clearly articulated, whether that's inside our side of Academia or both.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: However.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Hrc. Is a public Funder, and so, by its very nature, we are wanting to focus on research that will have some element of public good. But again, what we're not wanting to do is to be only prescriptive on what that looks like in every single example, so that we're not artificially limiting projects that could be extraordinarily impactful. But just wouldn't meet a very tightly defined set of principles we might outline.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I'd say, West conflict in Chipping

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Ruth. I can say a couple of words here so absolutely agree with the points that you've you've just made and I'm I suppose it. It's worth underscoring here that

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: we are. In some ways on the start of a journey.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: even if we've

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: taken into account our long history of support for responsive mode. Open call brands. And

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: we've seen this as a core part of our overall portfolio.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: It is worth saying that. We're expecting us to be iterative, and how we learn from this process. I've already noted some of the comments in the QA. Where, I imagine from peer reviewers sort of assessing how many words we ask per section, we might in a similar tone in rounds to come. Take note of the sort of ways that applicants are describing impact.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And ruth it it it goes to save that we might re, you know, consider adding particular

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: criteria, or or specific language, or wording in how we shape our call so that we get that broad sense of impact that, Ruth you were. You were just mentioning.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: I suppose this is a opportunity moment without taking too long on this question. I know we've got several others, but just to point out also

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: that there is a boldness that we are placing as a sort of ask on our community, and that really speaks to this balance between high risk and high reward, and I think this also gives a sense of what we intend to see as as impact

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: So we want to see

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: proposals advance new ideas, but also being flexible to research, your needs in in how they progress or how this our support progresses. Research careers that helps to solidify that sense of leadership.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: In a collaborative into this very fast evolving research culture, as I've mentioned in my in the start, starting few slides. And that, too, is an impact. We want to be cognizant on

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: we also want to see credible, plausible, convincing plans around how these projects invest in all the people that are involved in the project, and of course we'll be guiding our Peer View College to call out plans where

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: or call out proposals where these plans are not as equitable, or and on the worst case may be extracted in in the way that they're set up and and and organized.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and I wonder if if you might want to come in here as well to talk about how

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: the way we've thought of impact, the way we've thought about boldness, and being more ambitious also means reaching out beyond the usual suspects. So this flexibility of identifying career stages for the catalyst scheme, for example, we want to see a focus on competencies, outcomes and not solely rely on past laurels.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: But that sort of carefully position, past successes into a dynamic, forward-looking, impactful research endeavor.

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Dana Arnold: Yes, thank you. I'm happy to say a few words. I think.

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Dana Arnold: first of all, what I'd say is that we're reaching out to a broader range of researchers. So, for example, a Ph. D. Isn't necessary for an applicant for the curiosity awards. And I think that that's an important change.

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Dana Arnold: I think also in terms of impact, what that the schemes are designed to do is enable you, as researchers, to reach out

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Dana Arnold: to stakeholders in related areas. So, for example, I mean, the most obvious ones might be for arts and humanities, museums, galleries, libraries, that kind of thing, but also to look a bit further than that for the connections which you might not normally have thought you'd be able to get funding for. But here, that's the kind of thing that we're interested in. So it's really pushing out

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Dana Arnold: the if you like, the reach of the

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Dana Arnold: arts and humanities into other areas to to bring about innovative and new ways of thinking. So I mean, a rough definition of output impact is significant and reach. And what I say is that in some ways it relates to that, but it's showing how our work

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Dana Arnold: in the arts and humanities has reached way beyond the Academy and beyond what we might call the usual suspects.

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Dana Arnold: And I just add that I think there's also an interest in these awards in looking to see how established arts and humanities infrastructures can be used, what resources there are outside of universities? So again, those kinds of connections are encouraged, and

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Dana Arnold: lead to again impact in in the broadest sense of the word.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: That's really interesting. Thank you both. And for that, would you be able to elaborate upon how reviewers and panelists will evaluate whether a proposal is bold or risky enough.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I think it comes back to the balance that Jadi was talking about. Really?

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: so

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: does that. And II think jelly would be brilliant if you could expand on that a little bit more for this person.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: And then it's

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: relying also on long-standing frameworks that we've applied in panels. Were very keen that the whole panel works together as a group challenges one another.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: challenges implicit or important implies of biases assumptions. So that we're all looking to

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: really, positively pick out the projects that are doing exactly what we want within the schemes. And then provide that robust challenge where they're actually all insured. But, Joey.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: thank you. Come in.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Yeah, I can. Just to to reiterate. And I think this is a a fantastic set of questions. Because, you know, they've they're squarely hit the nail on the head. So

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: there's 3 things that go into

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Arriving at the outcome we've we've set out to achieve bolder, ambitious, more impactful projects. Right? So what are the 3 things? I think the first is that you require schemes and mechanisms that allow for that flexibility.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: You need, secondly, the research community, you all to respond and be

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and and feel a sense of ownership on those objectives to be able to share with us your fantastic ideas.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And there is across all of our discussions. There's been a a real sense of

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: continued gratitude when their search community shares their best ideas with us. There's a responsibility that comes with that.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: But lastly, it is also down to our Peer Review college in terms of how they view our ambitions and and objectives, and how how they view

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: that that process of of assessment. And so that this question on on the review panels is is very pertinent.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: We've run similar webinars specifically for our review college members, and the discussions were just as

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: diverse, just as engaging as as the questions that have come through today are.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And again to repeat, it will be a journey that we are on. We, indeed have had a really successful new intake to a Peer Review College.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and have discussed a lot of these ideas with them as well. So we've done a fair bit of thinking on how we can set up our guidance, how we can support those panels so that they're able to reach out to those ideas that may have traditionally been seen as a bit too risky to fund

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: risk again in in the ways that Ruth, Dana and I have just articulated an impact in that in that broadest sense.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: We have lots of markers that we can. That we can all tune our thoughts and ideas to Dana mentioned the the ref panel, and how the ref assessment exercise sees impact. I think that's a very valid marker that we all will be well aware of.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: It signals a change or changes some might see it as you might kind of try it as as a progress in the sort of overall research culture. That's very much part of our research. And an innovation ecosystem.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: All of this will go into how panels interpret, impact and and riskier ideas. Dana, can I be a bit unfair on you and and call in your experience as chair, because I think the chairs, too, will have a role in in guiding and shaping these conversations. Alongside Hrc, support panels.

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Dana Arnold: Yes, okay.

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Dana Arnold: I think I'd pick up first of all, on Jidei's comment about how the Peer-review College has been expanded

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Dana Arnold: and is more diverse and inclusive. And I think that that's an important factor that will feed into the assessment panels. And in doing that we we are looking for

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Dana Arnold: projects that really speak to that broader, more diverse research community

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Dana Arnold: and

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Dana Arnold: think, oh, I'm expectant of panels that will be open to new.

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Dana Arnold: bold and novel ideas.

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Dana Arnold: I think there's a lot of thought that is going into how these panels will be structured and chaired to ensure fairness and to ensure that the panels are aware of what the parameters of the scheme are, and that the applications are discussed within those parameters rather than

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Dana Arnold: preconceived ideas of what research should be, or was, or might be.

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Dana Arnold: so I think, without having chaired one of these panels. That's about as much as I can say. But there's to assure you. There's a lot of work going into how they can be fair and equitable.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thank you. All that's really really useful and just moving on to some questions around the rounds, aspect and processing times. Would you be able to say a little little bit more about how the rounds will work with the A. HRC. Mentioned that we'll process applications as soon as we receive them, and so we may be able to provide an earlier decision if applications are submitted earlier.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Yeah, so we are. We're aware we created bit of disruption to the flow applications by pausing some schemes and ceasing and then launching some new ones.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So we will be, and we are processing applications as soon as they received and

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: we're aiming to still meet our Standard Processing times that are published in a funding guide in terms of when outcomes will be issued.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: so yeah.

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I think with the.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: it's looking likely that applicant behavior is favouring, submitting rather later in this first round.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So we have published when we're going to be issuing outcomes

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: on the funding finder. So you can see those on those 4 pages.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I just add one more thing in that. We are also alive to the fact that there will be effectively some peaks and troughs with when we're receiving applications.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: So ensuring that we're balancing our panels to accommodate for that and we're also taking a very proactive look across our budget. So we're hoping as much as we possibly can to smooth out any potential for any unfair advantage depending on when anybody applies to try and bring in as much equity as we possibly can whilst we make these changes.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thank you. And how sure are we that these schemes will stay. For example, we mentioned round 3, but as round 4. Likely at this stage

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: we're incredibly committed to this change. I think it's fair to say,

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: a lot of careful feedback has been provided to us by the community. And we really want to ensure that we're taking those needs forward and doing in a way that is sustainable, and that you can rely on us on what we're expecting of you, and communicating any changes that we make in

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: good time. So

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: whilst we don't know exactly how many rounds will have, because it relies on the development of the funding service and it's not confirmed quite yet. When we can return to open mode as soon as we can, we will be moving those open and closing dates. So the new schemes, in conclusion, aren't really going anywhere.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: I'm really excited actually to see what comes in and the opportunities that we can create. And then you looking at it in that iterative journey based type way, which I think was outlining area.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: And, Ruth, if I can just say a brief word. Here again. I think I started my comments this morning by reiterating how important discovery mode, open call

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: is to our overall portfolio, and I think this is.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Again, it's sort of transformation that HRC. Is is absolutely committed to to really get a sense of balance across the portfolio of work that we that we that we support.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and that you will have seen well

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: me today, but Christopher and others in in, in other occasions, and other Fora, really committing to this balance sense of

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: how we support

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and and and innovative research ecosystem.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: and Dana mentioned the long sort of process of consultation that we've been on with our Advisory Board members, for example, and they, too, have really driven us to

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: to solidify and and and and deepen our support of discovery, mode, and and in the in the context of the sort of suppose the reality of the funding circumstances

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: across the UK. We've had to position those in terms of principles and bring those to our new schemes. So we've really thought long and hard invested quite a bit behind the scenes in developing these schemes.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: So, as Ruth says, we're we're in this for the long run.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: We do recognize that they will take some time to set up. and it will take some time for the community and us to build

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: that that sense of trust across these schemes, and I hope that we will arrive there sooner rather than later, and

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: my sense is that the rounds that there's been a good response to when we signal these ideas, and then these rounds will allow us to be iterative. And in in how we develop, and fine tuning schemes.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thank you all. And we've had quite a few questions surrounding TFS. As well. So I'll bring a couple of those in. Just conscious of the time that we've got left.

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With regards to the data management plan. Is this required as a separate attachment? Or should it be written into the ethics and or eye section

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: pick that up? So? Yes, it is no longer a separate attachment. So yes, it's purely to be covered in the ethics section as to whether there are any data related.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Ethical implications of the proposed research

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: just to be really clear. What we're not asking for is a consult, consolidation, obstellation of everything that you would previously put in the data management plan. There'll be some elements that will simply no longer asking for because they're covered elsewhere within our terms and conditions. And so we don't need to ask for it. Just an application stage.

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Ruth Robinson - AHRC UKRI: Which is where the ethical considerations are, some of the more interesting parts of it. And that's the reason that

we're flagging that epic section or the to make it really clear way to pop those within application.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thank you. And is there anywhere that a gantt chart can be included. There's mention of as no longer permitting the work plan, and gantt chart aspect as part of the application.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So for round 2 we're going to remove that that role. So gantt charts will be acceptable and welcome, so they will be able to be pasted into

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: whatever it's the relevant section of the application form. So you'll see that revised guidance for round 2 of the full responsive mode schemes.

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Bethany Marygold - AHRC UKRI: Thanks, Barry, and I think we've probably got time for one more question. There's a question around what will happen to a draft application when a round closes, will applicants still be able to access a copy of that in the next round.

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: You should still be able to see it by your Tfs login, but you won't be able to automatically transfer it to a future rounds. You would have to start a new application.

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: or a subsequent round of

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: that ensure round deadline. So please be mindful of all the deadlines, and I think you can reach it in time.

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: And when you think about deadlines, remember your own institutional deadlines as well, so you, as the applicant will send it to your research office.

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: they will then review it and officially approve it, and they submit it to Ukraine.



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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: and depending on what your institutional deadlines look like

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Stephanie Dey - UKRI: that could be maybe a couple of weeks. So please do get in touch with your research office.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Okay, I think we'll have to call a halt for questions there.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: Thank you all for the the questions submitted. I see that there are a lot. We have recorded them all. And so after the this session, we'll work through them all, collate them, provide answers, and we'll circulate to all everyone who's attended today. That'll be a couple of weeks 2 to 3 weeks

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: before you see those. So they they are being recorded. We will, of course, also. Be taking those to help us improve our guidance for the future. So I see there's quite a lot of really interesting probing questions which I see

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: would could be addressed by removing some sort ambiguity in our guidance. So thank you for that.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So thank you for your time. Hope you found it really useful. We'll be circulating the slide deck within the next couple of days.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: and the collected QA. Within about 2 to 3 weeks.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: So thank you for attending. Thank you to the panel to day, and every one who's participated from HRC.

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Barry Knowles - AHRC UKRI: And yeah, joy deep.

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Jaideep Gupte - AHRC UKRI: Thank you to you, Barry, for navigating all the all the tech and and all the support, and indeed our interpreters, for bearing with our speedy and sometimes haphazard thoughts on on the subject. Thank you all for joining.