

Welcome to our third HITs round-up specifically aimed at providing you with **COVID-19 information relevant to HITs**.

All the information below will be posted on the BHP website – if you don't have time to read this email now then you can **bookmark the link below so you can easily find it when you do have time**.

<https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/covid-19-response/covid-19-hits-round-ups/>

And you may want to take a look at our new COVID-19 response web pages.

<https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/covid-19-response/>

Links to relevant sections below:

- [External funding opportunities](#)
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## [External funding opportunities](#)

If you are considering apply for any of these please let me know in case there are opportunities for joint HIT working.

Elizabeth Blackwell Institute is offering support for urgent global public health research in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This call is for applications to enable University of Bristol academic staff to apply for funding to support research focusing on Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) settings that are eligible for Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) funds. Through this call the Global Public Health Research Strand at the Elizabeth Blackwell Institute wishes to encourage researchers to propose work that has impact in this critically important area. Proposals for pump-priming research activities in preparation for future funding calls are very welcome. The funding call is supported through the University's QR GCRF strategy. Applicants may apply for up to £20,000 per project. Smaller applications are very welcome. Applicants who wish to propose projects above this amount are asked to [contact us](#) before submitting an application. Round 1 of this call is for projects that will be completed by 31st July 2020.

For this call, we are operating a deadline for applications, but after the initial deadline we will keep the scheme open to applications on a rolling basis, depending on availability of funding.

**The deadline for applications is 10.00 on Thursday, 21 May 2020.** For further information and to apply please visit our website

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/blackwell/funding/gphcovid19/>

If you have any queries please email [ebi-health@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:ebi-health@bristol.ac.uk).

## **Next round of the UoB Temple Quarter Engagement Fund - application deadline 13 MAY**

The next round of funding will be focused on our civic response to COVID-19. (The lead applicant must be University of Bristol.) We are looking for applications that enable our staff and students to support our city (and beyond) in how we are meeting the challenges of our current situation. We are explicitly encouraging proposals that are co-developed with partners outside of the University. All other criteria remain the same as in previous rounds. Further information on how to [apply](#).

**The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)** is making available a limited number of grants for collaborative projects (up to £10,000) that focus on research challenges related to the present COVID-19 pandemic.

WUN welcomes proposals to support projects that:

- should be undertaken now, because circumstances will be less favourable later; and
- benefit particularly from collaboration among [WUN partners](#) (e.g., capitalize on the geographical and cultural diversity of the network).

Proposals:

- will be accepted until **15 May 2020**. These will be reviewed on a rolling basis. As the number of awards is limited, we recommend submitting proposals as soon as possible.
- should include at least 3 WUN partners - projects which are open to Bristol collaborators can be found [here](#).
- should be sent to **Dr Aoiffe Ficklin** ([aficklin@wun.ac.uk](mailto:aficklin@wun.ac.uk)), Program Manager, WUN Secretariat, and be copied to [robert.crowe@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:robert.crowe@bristol.ac.uk) and [susan.jim@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:susan.jim@bristol.ac.uk).

## [Support and information](#)

**Guidance for creating and running virtual meetings and events** from the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement – see attached document.

**The Covid-19 Social Study** is a panel study of the psychological and social experiences of adults in the UK during the outbreak of the novel coronavirus run by University College London. Over 75,000 people are currently participating in the study, completing weekly online surveys about their experiences and behaviours. Here's the link to the UCL study: <https://www.marchnetwork.org/research>

**Initial findings published from the survey of neighbourhood groups** about their response to COVID-19. You can read the report [here](#). You can keep track of the project through Twitter account @ApartAlone

### **How to Guides for popular digital apps– Zoom, Facebook and BBC Sounds – from Support Hub for Older People**

APPHLE HIT director Karen Lloyd has shared some useful 'How to' guides for people on how to use Zoom video conferencing, Facebook and the BBC Sounds app. The guides have been created by Age UK Bristol and 180 Degrees Consulting Bristol. See attached and please feel free to share more widely