

THE AWARDS 2020

Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Institution name	The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
Submission title or project name	Home-Makers: Urban expertise in the Philippine diaspora
Nominee/key personnel	Dr Ella Parry-Davies
URL	https://homemakersounds.org
Submission	<p>Through her postdoctoral project 'Home-Makers', Dr Ella Parry-Davies is developing a collection of creative soundwalks with Filipina domestic and care workers in the UK and Lebanon.</p> <p>Contesting the undervaluing of care work, Dr Parry-Davies argues that the soundwalks demonstrate workers' expertise in creating a sense of home overseas through urban practices that she sees as performative: live, embodied and collaborative.</p> <p>Migrant domestic workers are away from their original homes, working (and often living) in other people's homes. But feeling "at home" while on the move – through place-making and building communities – can be life-sustaining, and migrants must be expert at this.</p> <p>The soundwalks are designed to capture this expertise – to show rather than tell – because they enable the speakers to take listeners directly to the sites most important to them.</p>