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International Collaboration of the Year

Institution Name	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, in collaboration with external partners
Submission title or project name	REDRESS: Reducing the Burden of Severe Stigmatising Skin Diseases through equitable person-centred approaches to health systems strengthening
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://www.redressliberia.org/
Submission	REDRESS is a collaborative project that brings people affected by severe stigmatising skin diseases (SSSD), their families and communities, together with research partners and Ministry of Health (MOH) implementation partners in programme activities and decision-making processes using a person-centred approach. We ensure meaningful co-production through employing participatory action research in research design, as well as development, implementation and evaluation of interventions aimed at strengthening health systems to care for those affected by SSSDs. People with lived experience of SSSDs and those working within the community-level health system in Liberia, have been an integral part of the research team as "co-researchers" engaged throughout the whole research process, from data collection and intervention design, to evaluation and analysis. With their unique insight, they have shaped the research process, interventions and impacts. Impact continues beyond REDRESS with inclusion of learning in key MOH strategy and programming, in programming for other West and Central African countries, and in global guidance documents.



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Institution Name	Bath Spa University
Submission title or project name	Solidarity and Success with Ukraine
Nominee / key personnel	Professor Ian Gadd
URL	https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/projects/partnerships-with-ukraine/
Submission	During 2022-23, Bath Spa University (BSU) collaborated with 10 Ukrainian universities, a leading radio station in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Association of Students and the Ministry of Education and Science to support and sustain Ukraine's economic and social capacity during a time of war. Through multiple partnerships and projects led by BSU and funded by Erasmus and Research England, we worked together with colleagues across Ukraine to improve educational standards, pedagogical innovation, student attainment, graduate outcomes and student resilience. We also helped to strengthen Ukraine's democratic structures through reforms in journalism education, increased public media literacy, enhanced research and innovation capacity, and shipments of specialist technological equipment. Despite the impact of the invasion, all the funded projects were able to complete successfully, including in-person meetings, workshops and conferences, and several were highly commended by evaluators. BSU continues to provide solidarity and support for its Ukrainian colleagues.



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Institution Name	University of Leeds
Submission title or project name	University of Leeds and University of Pretoria
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://fsnetafrica.com/
Submission	The University of Leeds and the University of Pretoria have developed a collaborative research partnership formed around expertise in food security and climate-smart agriculture which has evolved into a strategic relationship to enhance research capabilities and empower institutions in the Global South. Building on mutual strengths to address food security and climate-smart agriculture in the Global South, they have collaborated on mapping the African Food System, strengthened African researchers' capacities, and evaluated food system changes in Southern Africa. Building on the partnership, they have trained students through the Development in Africa with Radio Astronomy (DARA) project and expanded into Data Science and AI research. The impact includes empowering fellows, influencing policy and improving weather forecasting for climate-informed agriculture. This partnership redefines strategic equitable collaboration, recognising groundbreaking research beyond the global stage.



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Institution Name	Royal College of Art
Submission title or project name	Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Design (AiDLab) in collaboration with Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
Nominee / key personnel	Professor Naren Barfield, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Royal College of Art; Professor Calvin Wong, CEO and Centre Director at AiDLab, and Endowed Professor in Fashion at Hong Kong Polytechnic University
URL	https://www.aidlab.hk/en/
Submission	The Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Design (AiDLab) is a commercial Research & Development Centre and the first platform to focus on the integration of Artificial Intelligence with design. It brings together the Royal College of Art's (RCA) world-leading art and design research and Hong Kong Polytechnic University's (PolyU) best-in-class STEM innovations to drive positive impact on both industry and society. Located at the Hong Kong Science Park, AiDLab has established a new creative cluster of AI in design. Since its inception, AiDLab has employed more than 100 researchers to collaborate on 22 art- and design-led artificial intelligence research projects. This has been a phenomenal learning opportunity for the 77 early career researchers and 42 postgraduate students involved. Through the AiDLab collaboration, the RCA and PolyU have collectively achieved 91 publications, 29 patent applications, nine licensing agreements and established two start-ups with a third currently in progress.



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Institution Name	Anglia Ruskin University
Submission title or project name	Global measures of blindness and vision impairment as a force for change
Nominee / key personnel	Vision Loss Expert Group
URL	http://globalvisiondata.org
Submission	The Vision Loss Expert Group is an international collaboration of more than 100 ophthalmologists and optometrists worldwide (in institutions in every world region) that provides essential data on vision impairment and blindness. This work culminated in 2022-23 with evidence required for the World Health Organization to commend, for the first time, the inclusion of a vision-related metric in the WHO Universal Health Coverage indicators. The collaboration's outputs have been the foundation for WHO's first "World Report on Vision", the "Global Burden of Disease" study and many scientific papers with high impact. Working with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (the overarching alliance for the global eye sector worldwide), the collaboration created Vision Atlas, an online tool (atlas.iapb.org) that provides users with data on vision impairment for all countries and regions by year and sex. This is used by governments and NGOs to support eyecare programmes that address health inequities.



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Institution Name	King's College London
Submission title or project name	Mind of the Matter: In partnership with YouTube
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLun2jODy9M2flgku7Jeq7Zgl1HFIKzGmD
Submission	YouTube is accessed by 2 billion users each month, with over 49 million in the UK. It is the second-largest search engine in the world with viewers turning to the channel for mental health and well-being needs. As part of tackling misinformation, King's Health Partners, King's College London and the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust entered into a joint partnership with YouTube to connect viewers with trusted clinical advice from experts and signpost ways to get the right support. It was the first time in the UK that YouTube joined forces with a university and its partner NHS trusts, with the intention of balancing the amount of "influencer-led" content with reliable information from experts.