



## **KISI Active Partnership Programme (KAPP) Funding Call – Guidance**

### **Scheme Summary**

Keele University's Institute for Social Inclusion is delighted to launch the Active Partnership Programme (KAPP) for 2020-21. This pilot scheme offers seed corn funding (£2000- £5000) for non-academic partners to propose innovative, collaborative projects that address particular aspects of social inclusion. The pilot is open to the Keele Institute for Social Inclusion's network of partners, including community and civil society organisations, charities, the public sector, political institutions, faith organisations, education organisations, businesses and creative practitioners. Proposals should demonstrate a well-defined, deliverable pilot research project or knowledge exchange activities that examines issues relating to social inclusion or exclusion, explores possible solutions and/or works towards their implementation. **In 2020/21 our focus is on innovative research and knowledge exchange activities that will bring Keele Academics into collaborative partnership with non-Academic organisations in response to COVID-19.**

### **About the Institute**

The Keele Institute for Social Inclusion brings together a vibrant community of academic researchers and external partners, working collaboratively to tackle issues including, for example, food poverty, educational exclusion, mental health, cultural regeneration and community resilience. The Institute's work seeks to identify, explain and overcome specific social, economic and cultural obstacles to social inclusion, in order to help people realise their full potential. The Institute is directed by Professor Derek McGhee who is also the Faculty Dean for Research for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and includes over 190 active academic researchers from Keele University across a wide range of disciplines. The concepts of knowledge co-production and co-creation where research questions, problems and their solutions are co-determined by academic and non-academic communities working in partnership, is central to the Institute's approach.

As well as our original themes: Tackling Inequalities; Supporting Communities and Interrogating Democracies, the Institute features interdisciplinary research on five key 'Challenges', which reflect the expertise of existing academic researchers:

- Inclusive Education;
- Inclusive and Sustainable Governance;
- Security and Policing;
- Migration and Diversity;
- Lived Experience and Community Innovation.

More information about KISI and our research challenges is available here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/socialinclusion/>

### **Aims of the KAPP fund**

KAPP aims to support the Institute's work addressing obstacles to social inclusion and developing solutions to these, and to create impact from the Institute's programmes and research. It seeks to increase and enhance opportunities for collaboration between the Institute's network of external partners and academic researchers at Keele University. For 2020/21 we include an emphasis on research and knowledge exchange activities that will contribute to COVID-19 'recovery'.

### **What activities will KAPP support?**

1. Pilot research projects developing creative and innovative research methodologies for examining specific issues relating to social inclusion and exclusion that will contribute to COVID-19 'recovery';
2. Knowledge exchange activities, especially those dedicated to exploring innovative (service delivery, community development, entrepreneurial and cultural models) for doing social change 'with' communities in the context of COVID-19 'recovery',

All projects must be completed, and all expenditure claimed, by no later than July 2021.

### **KAPP applicant eligibility**

- All applicants must be members of the Institute (non-members can join here: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/socialinclusion/>)
- The lead applicant must be a non-academic organisation or individual;
- Projects must relate to at least one of the Institute's themes or Challenges, listed above;
- Projects must collaborate with an academic or academic team from Keele University.

### **Budget**

Budget details are required at the full application stage with a detailed breakdown of costs. Any travel must be standard/economy class. Mileage is paid at 45p per mile for the first 100 miles and 20p per mile thereafter. Accommodation rates are paid up to £125 per night for London and £95 per night elsewhere. Payment for the lead applicant or academic collaborators' time is not eligible for funding. Subsistence (i.e. meals for individuals involved in project delivery) will not be funded, but catering in other contexts (i.e. for events) will be considered.

### **COVID-19**

The delivery of proposed research and knowledge exchange activities must explicitly address, reflect and accommodate the COVID-19 context in terms of Social Distancing, etc.

### **KAPP application submission process**

- Applicants should submit an **application** by **30th November 2020**.
- Applications should be produced collaboratively, involving both the lead applicant and the collaborating academic/s.
- Applications should include fully costed activities and project plans (Keele Academic co-investigators can draw on support from Keele RAISE Colleagues to cost-up projects).
- Successful projects can commence from December 2021.
  - Projects must be completed and funds spent by 15th July 2021.

Application forms and any queries about this scheme or the Institute should be submitted to [socialinclusion@keele.ac.uk](mailto:socialinclusion@keele.ac.uk)