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## Information for Community Partners 2025-26

Science Together facilitates mutually beneficial partnerships between university researchers and community partners to enable the knowledge exchange and skill development needed for the development of innovative solutions to local societal challenges.

Funding and researcher support is available via the University of Oxford for community-led research projects which respond to an Oxfordshire need, challenge or opportunity. Community partners working with under-represented or overlooked communities are especially encouraged to apply.

Three stages of funding are available for Science Together Community Partners

- An initial payment of £4800 to support dedicated staff time for the project

- A project budget of up to £4000 for direct project costs

- A legacy payment of up to £2000 for projects which demonstrate sustainability potential

Successful Science Together project proposals are matched with university researchers and facilitators, who voluntarily provide their skills and expertise to support project delivery (as a guide, about 2 days per month for the duration of the 10-month project).

The central Science Together team provide bespoke guidance, regular training opportunities and networking and communications support to all Science Together project groups.

### Timeline

10 September: Deadline for submission of project proposals from Community Partners

24 September: Confirmation of Community Partners for 2025-26

w/c 20 and 27 October: Matchmaking (with researchers) and Project Development events

November 2025 – July 2026: Project delivery and completion

### Eligibility - Community Partners must:

- Be based in Oxfordshire and be formally established community organisations (e.g. CIC, CIG) with an organisational bank account. Priority given to those with annual income <£1 million.

- Have the capacity and willingness to commit to the time and process involved in building a collaborative relationship with university researchers and facilitators (the project group).

To apply to participate in Science Together 2025-26 please complete and submit this [Application Form](#) by 12 noon on 10 September 2025.

For more details, including information about previous projects visit the [Science Together webpages](#). If you wish to request a conversation prior to submission contact [sciencetogether@mpls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sciencetogether@mpls.ox.ac.uk)



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