

Collective Climate Repair

Introduction

Sensory Trust wants to commission an experienced evaluator to provide specialist support to our monitoring and evaluation of Collective Climate Repair.

This is a new 4-year project run by Sensory Trust with partners Trees for Cities, National Wildflower Centre and Edinburgh University. We are building on exciting new climate science that shows how a focus on water opens new accessible routes to climate action. It is an opportunity to be at the start of a pioneering approach.

The project will communicate and demonstrate nature-based ways to ensure water soaks in instead of running off the soil. Our focus is inclusive climate action giving agency to disabled, neurodivergent and D/deaf people who are often overlooked when climate impacts and solutions are addressed, yet most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

More information on the project can be found: [Sensory Trust climate repair project focusing on water and inclusion](#)

Scope of the work

We would like someone to work with us to refine our multi-method evaluation plan and deliver evaluation support. This will include:

- Advise on our approach, through discussions and email.
- Run focus groups with our identified communities, collecting qualitative evidence of impact. This should make allowance for one per year in person.
- Conduct interviews with key individuals for example project partners, collaborators, participants; collecting qualitative evidence of impact.
- Produce a yearly summary of the key findings from that year's evaluation.
- Produce a final report at the end of the project, bringing together previous findings, learnings from this and recommendations for future.
- Use concise ways (eg infographics) to clearly demonstrate key findings.
- Attend meetings as required to plan and report progress, this is expected to be two a year.

This will run alongside our own internal evaluation processes. We are experienced in using inclusive evaluation techniques to gather feedback on activities with our identified audiences: including people who are D/deaf and hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted people and people who are neurodivergent.

Sensory Trust is based in Cornwall; activities will take place in Cornwall, Devon, London, Edinburgh and Liverpool.

Findings will be used to report to our funder, National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund, and to inform future strategic direction for Sensory Trust. Interim reports will be used to review progress on the project.

Outcomes of the project

- Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent people will be empowered to identify effective and affordable climate actions that lie within their agency. Powerlessness will reduce; connection to nature, sense of purpose and motivation to act will increase.
- Communities and individuals will have resources and experiences to help them understand and act. They will benefit from knowledge and skills which they can share.
- Repairing water cycles contributes to biodiversity, and communities will see a benefit to their local environments.

Skills required

We are looking for someone with:

- Experience of undertaking independent evaluation for social change projects.
- Confidence in supporting people with varying communication needs to contribute directly to evaluation.
- Understanding of our inclusive approach and in particular approaches suitable for people who are D/deaf and hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted people and people with learning disabilities and neurodivergence.
- Understanding of climate change and measuring the impacts of community-based climate action.

Timeline

The contract would be over four years, expected to commence in August 2024 and conclude in May 2028. Yearly summaries and the final report would be expected in April each year.

Budget

An agreed total fee of £26,500 over four years. The yearly breakdown will be agreed on contracting.

This fee includes all time, travel and expenses. It should also include any VAT, if applicable. Freelancers will be responsible for their own income tax and National Insurance contributions (as this is a self-employed not employed role).

Costs incurred for focus groups and interviews, for example travel for participants, BSL interpreters and room hire, will be covered by separate budget line. These will be agreed in advance.

Application process

The main point of contact will be Victoria Hutchinson. She can be contacted on vhutchinson@sensorytrust.org.uk or 07857 905524.

Submit a proposal to this email address by midday on 3 July 2024. Please get in touch if you require information in an alternative format, or if you would like to submit your proposal in another format. The proposal should include:

- Details of the proposed methodology.
- A brief overview of your experience, including examples of similar evaluation projects and references for two clients in the last three years.
- Details of the team who will be involved in this work, including their roles and relevant experience.
- A breakdown of costs each year, showing time and costs per activity eg advice on methodology, data collection, report writing.
- Timetable for delivery.
- Your approach to the security of data and compliance with GDPR.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an in person or online interview in July 2024.

Legal requirements

If the consultant will access personal data, they need to be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

A DBS certificate will be required for any direct contact with participants from our identified communities.

The consultant may be required to have public liability and professional indemnity insurance, dependent on the final delivery plan.