



## CHWA Awards 2025

### **Collective Power Award in partnership with Ideas Alliance and The LENS (Lived Experience Network)**

**Together we are stronger.**

**Coproduction** is a coming together of people with diverse lived and professional experience to participate equally in a process, whereby the collective knowledge of the group produces something together.

**Lived experience** is the first-hand, in-the-moment engagement with what is perceived and felt as a person's individual reality or experiences. Lived experience may refer to a physical or mental health condition, gender, socioeconomic status, or any other protected or marginalized characteristic.

In collaboration with the **Ideas Alliance** and **The LENS** this award aims to recognise an inspiring project, consortium, collective or movement of people in which meaningful partnership and co-production has improved the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities through culture and creativity.

We are keen to hear about all scales of co-production: from small grassroots initiatives and emerging virtual communities to sector-wide consortiums. Your work may address the specific wellbeing needs of local residents in a street, or challenge limiting societal beliefs or inequalities experienced by communities of people. Your project may be specifically relating to health outcomes or health conditions, but this isn't a requirement and we are keen to hear from colleagues working in aligned fields such as social and climate justice, heritage and museums, or any other cultural sector when health outcomes may form part of the project.

We are particularly interested in examples where co-production is embedded in planning, design and delivery, and where co-production is/was vital to the project's execution and success (in other words, projects that couldn't have happened or achieved the same outcomes without embedding lived experience at their heart)

We invite all types of groups and collectives to apply. You do not need to be a constituted group, legal entity or established organisation. The key is meaningful coproduction bringing together different fields of practice and lived experience.

As part of this award, all shortlisted projects will be showcased nationally by CHWA on their blog.

Applications will be assessed in line with CHWA’s Creative Health Quality Framework Quality Principles. You can see an explanation of the quality principles below, or read the [full framework on our website](#).



<b>Person-Centred:</b> Value lived experience and enable potential.	<b>Collaborative:</b> Work with others to develop joined-up approaches.
<b>Equitable:</b> Work towards a more just and equitable society.	<b>Realistic:</b> Be realistic about what you can achieve.
<b>Safe:</b> Do no harm, ensure safety, and manage risk.	<b>Reflective:</b> Reflect, evaluate, and learn.
<b>Creative:</b> Engage, inspire and ignite change.	<b>Sustainable:</b> Work towards a positive, long-term legacy for people and planet.

## Access is important to us

- Our standard application process is via Microsoft Forms. However, we accept applications in any format that works for you, including audio and video. If you would prefer to apply in a format other than the application form, please use WeTransfer to send your application to [awards@culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:awards@culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk). There is also a Word Doc version of the application form below.

Apply via Microsoft Forms: <https://forms.office.com/e/x99t90hwwG>

## Important Dates

- Applications open **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**
- Submission deadline is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**
- All applicants will be contacted in January 2025 and shortlisted projects published on the CHWA website at the beginning of February 2025
- Winners will be announced at an open online *CHWA Awards 2025 – Celebration Event* on Weds, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025. You can [book your free ticket](#) on Eventbrite now.

## Notes for Applicants

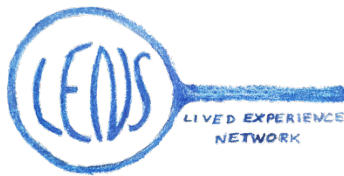
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- Projects or programmes need to be based in the UK and we can only accept one application per organisation per award.
- Organisations can only win a category once, however they can still be shortlisted for or apply for different awards.
- At least some of the project / programme needs to have taken place since March 2023, but we are happy to hear from projects that began before this period, as long as they also spanned this timescale.
- Projects or programmes can be ongoing, but need to be able to demonstrate impact or change.

- There is no cash prize but the awards will be widely publicised via CHWA and our partners' websites and networks and are an opportunity to showcase your work nationally.
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# IDEAS ALLIANCE

[Ideas Alliance](#) is an organisation that bridges stories with strategy by collaborating with people, organisations and places through commissioning, co-production and co-design. They have expertise in collaborative commissioning approaches, strategy development, service re-design and alliancing and work hand in hand with people as they rethink the role of citizens in the design and delivery of the public sector.

Since our inception in 2017, we have engaged with over 6,500 people through different projects with organisations across the country and we have published over 300 articles via the [Ideas Hub](#), our online space for publishing case studies, interviews, blogs and reports about people getting on and making things happen.



The LENS is a network of people who believe in the benefits of creative and cultural engagement to individual and collective wellbeing.

By working in partnership and acting as a critical friend, The LENS will champion access to creative and cultural opportunities for all.

The LENS will work to ensure that the voices of those with lived experience remain at the heart of the arts, health and wellbeing movement.