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Welcome





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Research Organisation Consultation Group

Welcome and Induction
Friday 2 July 2021



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

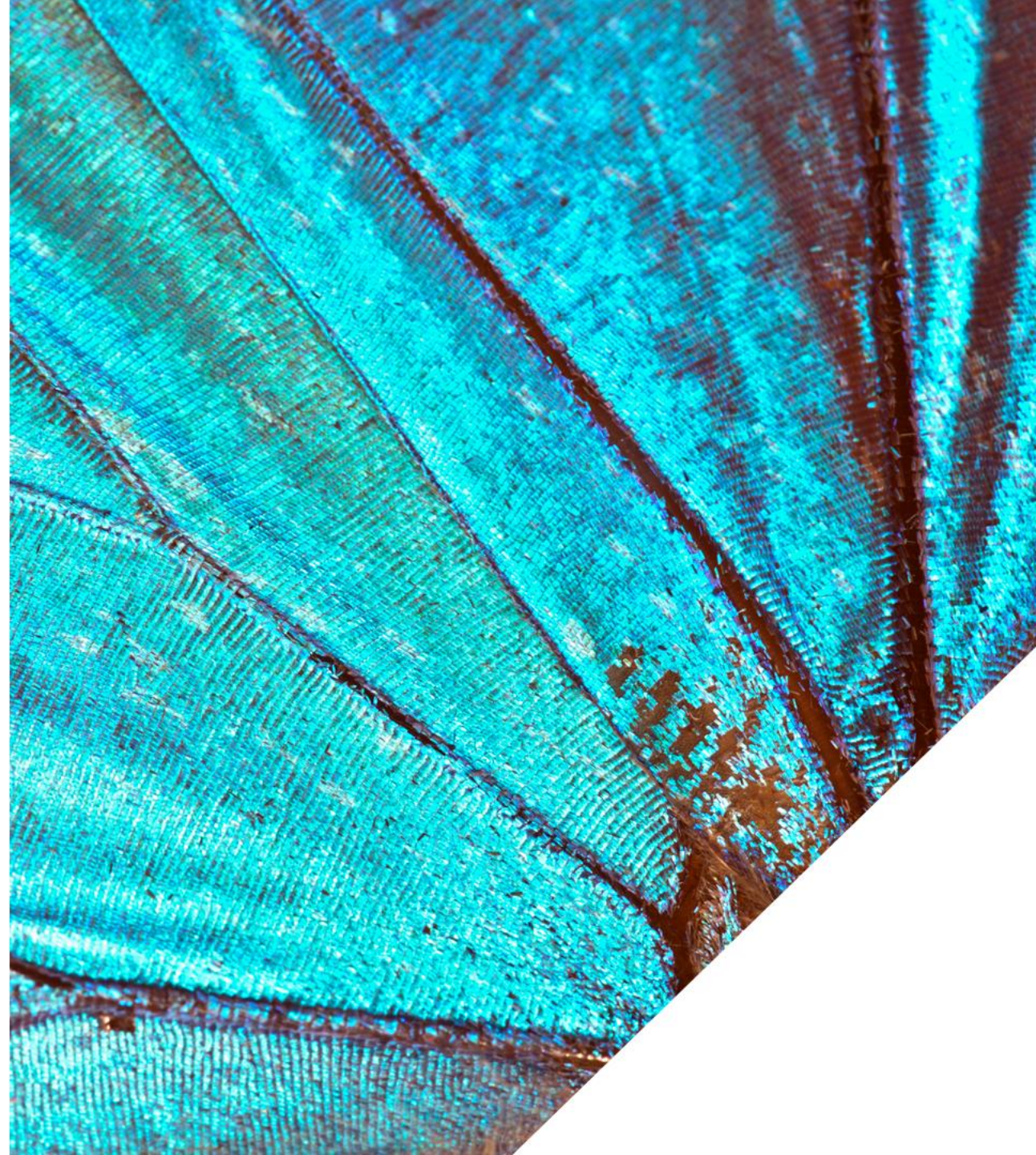
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Role of ROCG

The role of the ROCG is to provide UKRI with engagement and advice from a Research Organisation (RO) and broader research management perspective on policies, processes and administrative arrangements associated with UKRI funding. ROCG does not have any decision-making authority, but feedback and recommendations from the group provide a valuable input to the development, delivery, review and evaluation of UKRI policies and processes.

ROCG will:

- provide UKRI with confidential advice from a research management and user perspective
- act as a sounding board for UKRI to develop effective policy and process
- advise UKRI of possible unintended consequences of its policy and process
- advise UKRI on how to maximise the benefits of any proposed changes
- engage the wider RO Community via formal and informal networks to bring a wider perspective on issues
- act as a conduit for information into the wider community
- promote good two-way communication between ROs and UKRI
- encourage the further development of good working practices within ROs
- support UKRI to continue to develop as a an outstanding organisation

Examples of ROCG agenda items

EU Exit
Preparation

Open
Access

Grant
Terms &
Conditions

Official
Development
Assistance

Due
Diligence

Bullying and
Harassment

Covid-19
response

Simpler and
Better
Funding

GDPR

Funding
Assurance



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ROCG Membership

- Members are drawn from across UK ROs, reflecting a mix of different organisation types, characteristics and backgrounds. They are expected to bring a broad strategic view to bear. Members are appointed as individuals, and are not required to act as representatives of their own organisation. Members are strongly encouraged to draw on their formal and informal networks across the RO community to bring a wider perspective to ROCG.
- Membership will normally be for up to three years in the first instance, with the possibility of extension for up to a further three years.
- The work of the group is carried out by correspondence and through two to three meetings per year, currently held by via zoom, with representatives from UKRI presenting items to the group for information and discussion.

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Meetings 2021

- Thursday 8 July 2021 (Zoom)
- Thursday 18 November 2021





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Overview of UKRI

Vicki Crossley
Associate Director, UKRI Funding Policy

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Launched in April 2018, UKRI is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Our organisation brings together the seven disciplinary research councils, Research England, which is responsible for supporting research and knowledge exchange at higher education institutions in England, and the UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK.

Our main governance bodies are the [UKRI Board](#) and the [Executive Committee](#), which provide strategy advice to the Board and is the day-to-day coordinating body for UKRI executive activity.

Each of the nine Councils has [Council members](#) who play a critical role in our strategy development and governance. Council members work with their Executive Chair to deliver their council's aims and objectives and to support UKRI's overall mission.

UK Research and Innovation

Our vision is for an outstanding research and innovation system in the UK that gives everyone the opportunity to contribute and to benefit, enriching lives locally, nationally and internationally.

Our mission is to convene, catalyse and invest in close collaboration with others to build a thriving, inclusive research and innovation system that connects discovery to prosperity and public good.

We invest £8 billion a year in research and innovation
We bring together nine organisations with great depth and breadth of expertise, allowing us to connect research communities, institutions, businesses and wider society, in the UK and around the world.



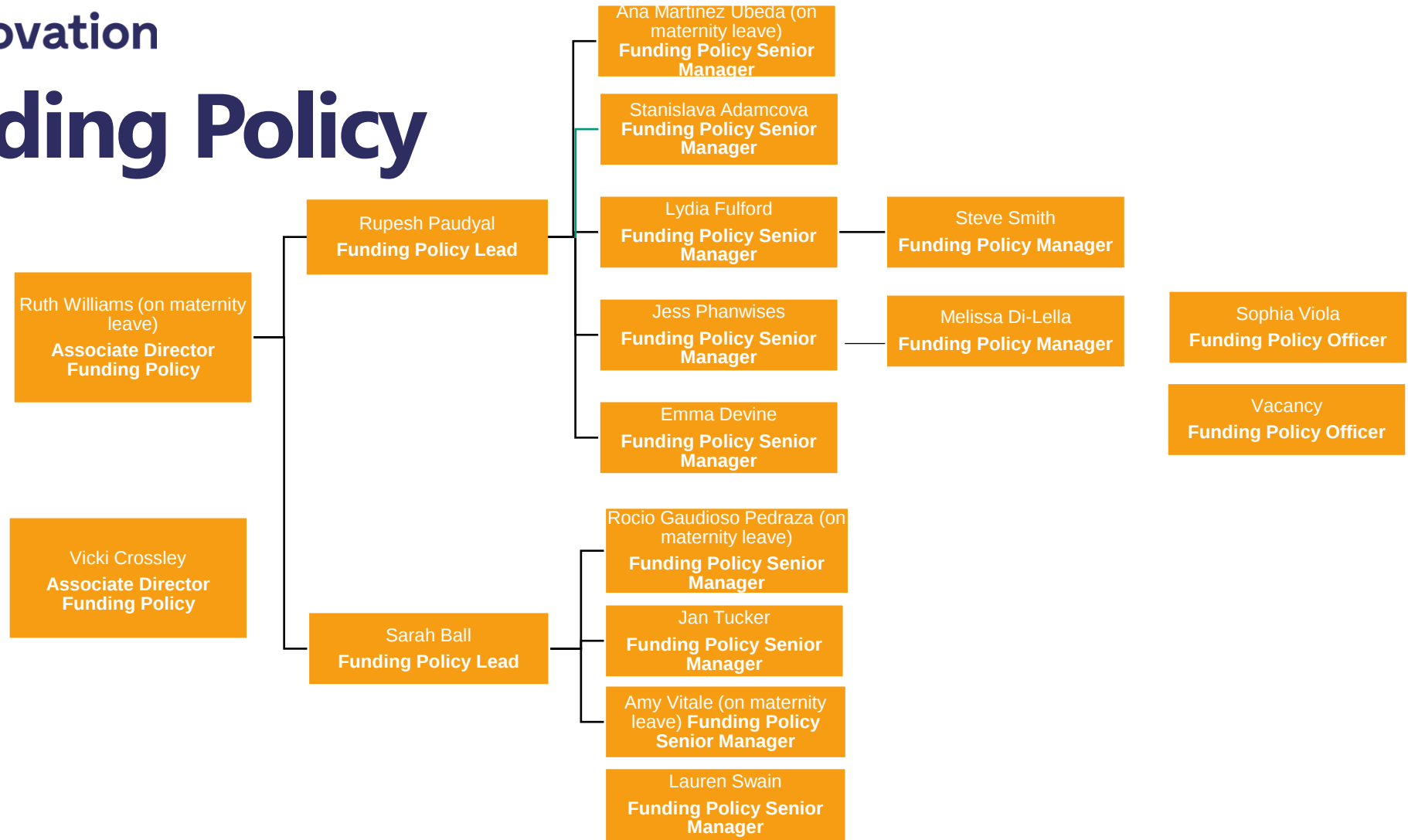
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PFO People Finance and Operations Committee	FPOG Funding Policy & Operations Group	GBAUG Grants Business as Usual Group	Strategy Committee
- Provides leadership for, and oversight of collective areas of operational strategy and policy, chaired by the Chief Finance Officer. - Reports into the Executive Committee	- Supports the development and implementation of UKRI funding policy. - Feeds into Simpler and Better Funding as Subject Matter Experts where required. - Comprises representatives of all 9 UKRI Councils, also strategy, finance, International and funding assurance - Peer Review Task and Finish Group to strengthen UKRI's peer review endeavour.	- Addresses grant process and policy issues, helping link current business with future direction - Identifies and implements best practice to standardise and streamline current grant process and policy SBF Delivery Board - Responsible for successful delivery of SBF. - Approves changes to policy that sit within the remit of SBF.	- Reports to and supports the Executive Committee. - Provide expertise and advice on the development of and implementation of UK Research and Innovation's research strategy. PAG Policy Advisory Group - Provides advice and guidance on policy. - Sets direction for future grants and funding policy. - Reports into SBF Delivery Board



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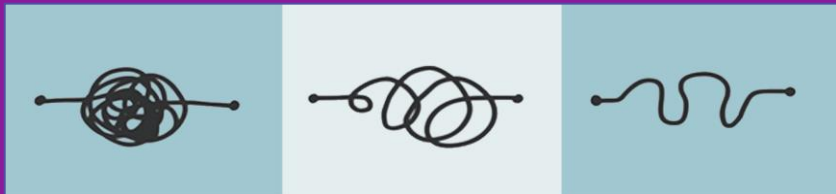
UKRI Funding Policy



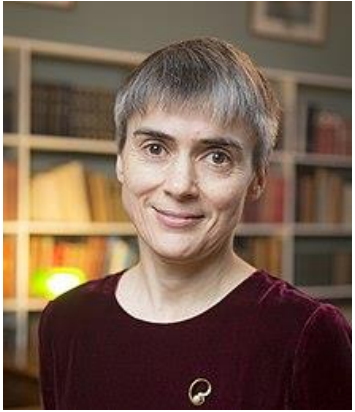
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Simpler and Better Funding Programme

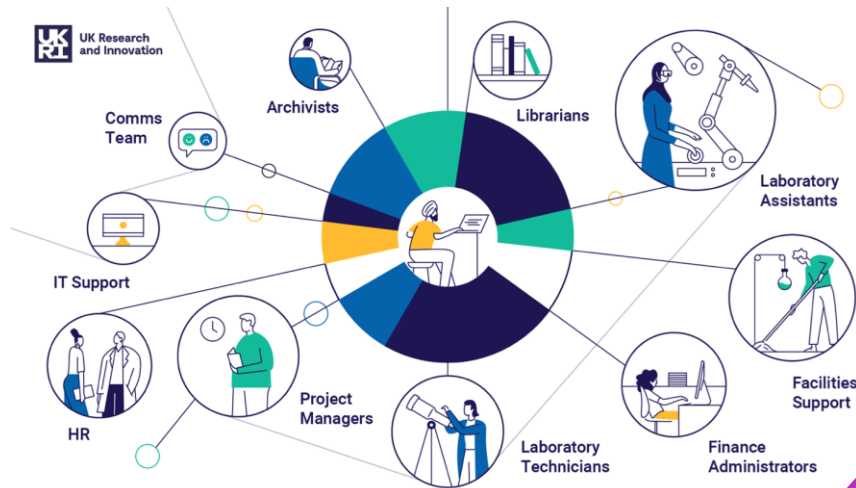
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Integrated and inclusive communities



“We want to create an integrated research and innovation system that delivers for everyone”



Reforming our Business

Our objective

To make UKRI's operations simpler and better to the benefit of our colleagues and stakeholders with the aim of embedding continuous improvement in all that we do

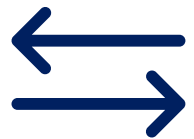
UKRI will simplify and improve our business processes to deliver the best value to the UK



An easy-to-use interface for applicants to apply for and manage grants.



Efficient and effective tools and processes to manage the whole funding lifecycle, harmonised across domains by default.



Effort redirected from transactional activity to supporting users and domain specific tasks.



Tools and processes designed to be used by a diverse user community with support available at all stages of the process.



Reducing Bureaucracy: UKRI 13 priorities

Selection and assessment process

- Simplified funding eligibility criteria
- Streamlined grant schemes
- Simplified two-stage application process
- Single enhanced CV format for researchers
- Funding service based on a new digital platform
- Single funding call document

Assurance and capturing outcomes

- Harmonised UKRI and partner reporting
- Simplified outcomes monitoring and reporting
- Improved Funding Assurance
- Simplified End of Award process

Broader systems and activities

- Bureaucracy costs calculated
- Data asked for only once
- TRAC reviewed and improved with Office for Students

Current Priorities

- Single enhanced CV format for researchers
- Simplified two-stage application process
- Simplified outcomes monitoring and reporting
- Improved expert review
- Review of TRAC
- Funding service based on a new digital platform

Within all of these activities we are focusing on the needs of three groups principally involved in UKRI's business processes:

- researchers and innovators
- their organisations
- UKRI itself

Aiming to work in partnership with other funders wherever possible

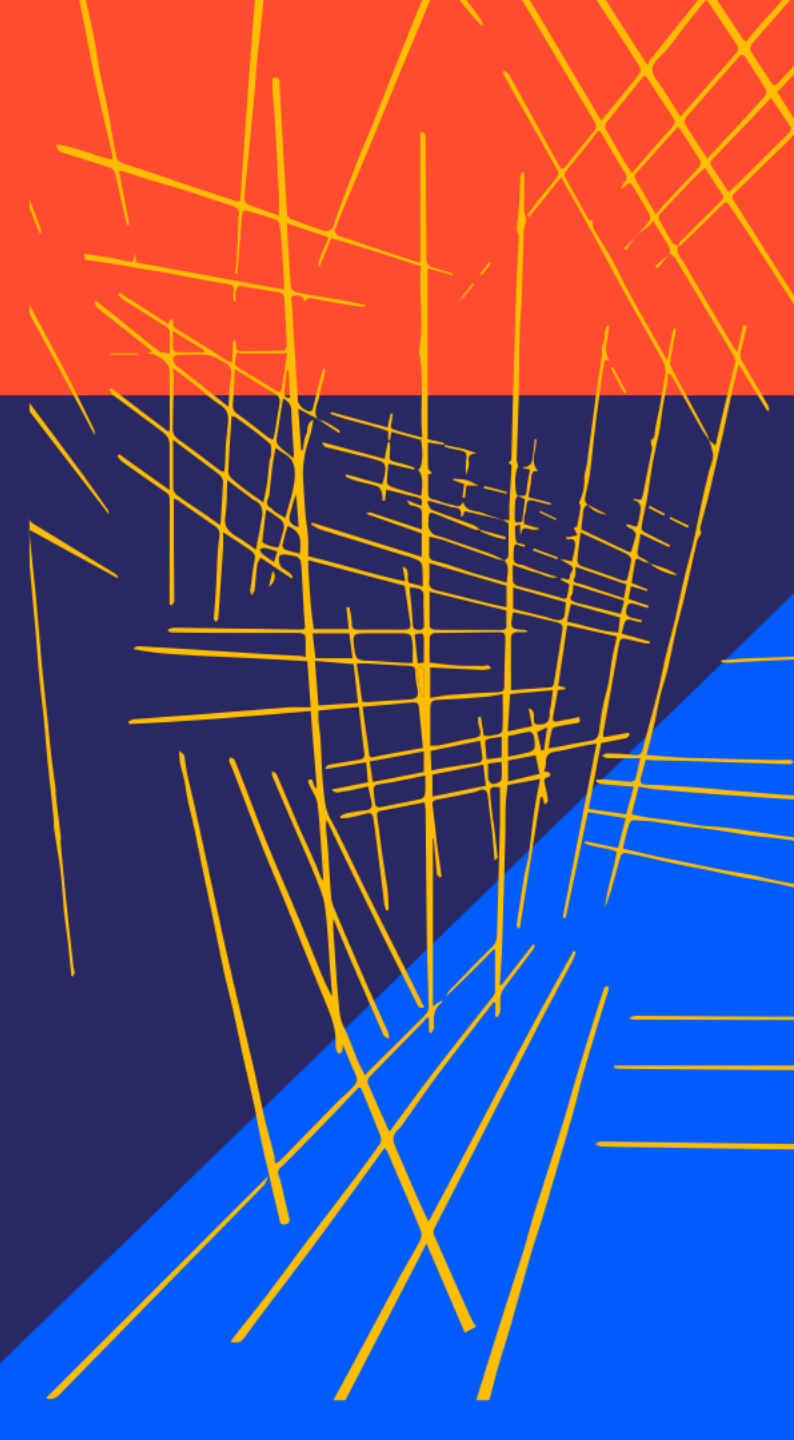




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Meeting Arrangements

Steve Smith,
ROCG Secretariat, Funding Policy Manager



Meetings

Currently held by zoom, but will be looking at options for future meetings as we transition towards 'hybrid working'

Travel and Subsistence Policy

All reimbursements to be receipted and claimed on a "Non-Employee Expense Claim Form" sent out to you post meeting by Policy team.

Items in Confidence

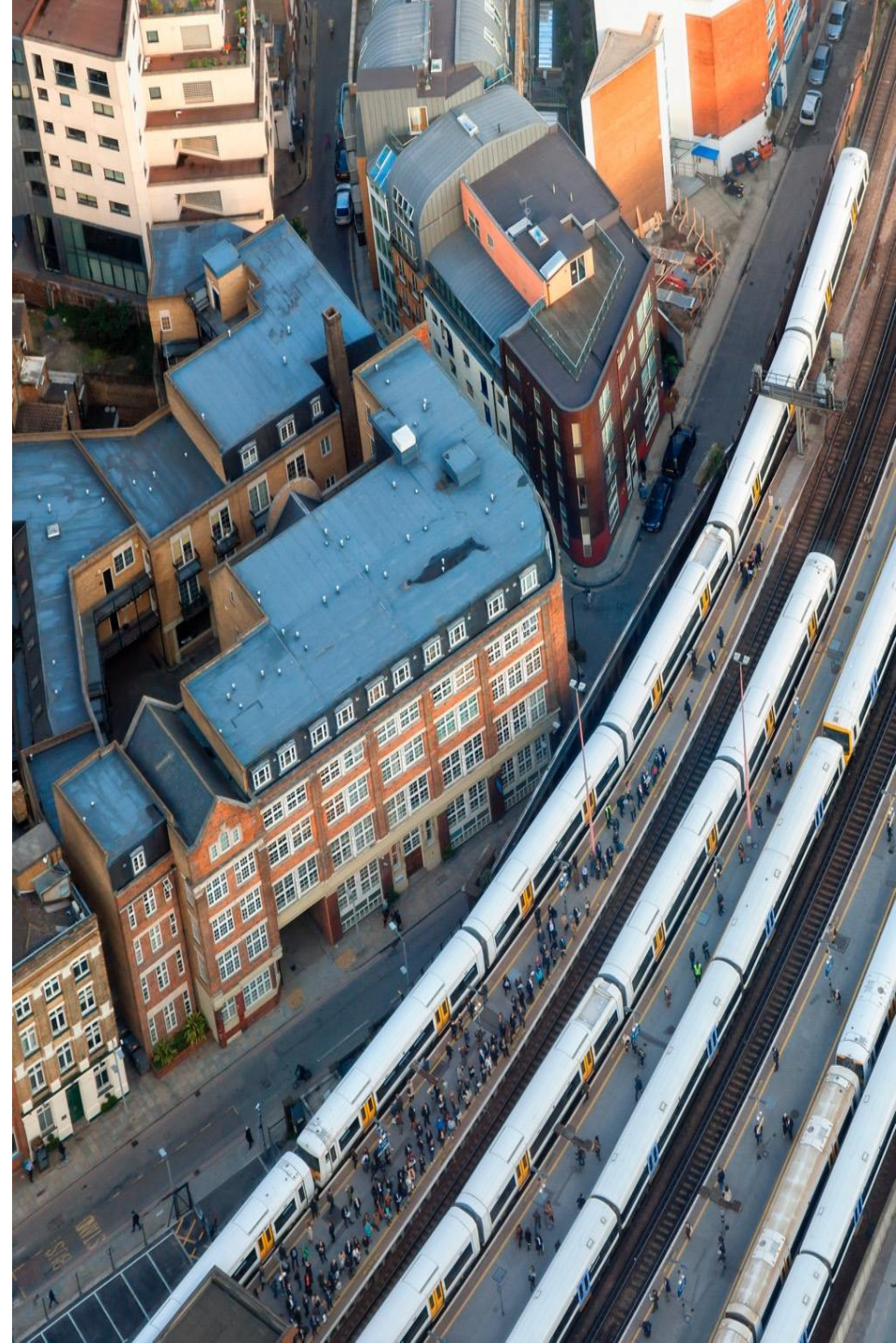
All agenda items and ad hoc items should be treated in confidence. However, where appropriate we encourage members to seek input from their wider networks to inform discussions.

Preparation for ROCG meetings

Items will be sent to you before the meeting to allow you time to research and be able to input, we will also email asking for items for the agenda to cover topics of interest to your RO and wider network.

Ad hoc Meetings

Occasional ad hoc workshops may be convened to explore particular topics in greater depth.





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Questions?





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Thank you



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