

## EDI Innovation Fund Projects

The first wave of funding from the ALN EDI Innovation Fund was allocated in December 2022. Each project will run for 6-9 months, after which time, they will produce an output in the form of report, case study etc which will be shared here.

The projects which received funding in this wave are:

Details	Institution(s)	Output
<p><b>Neurodiverse Library Leaders: strengthening ALN leadership through neurodiversity</b>  <b>Aim:</b> To champion neurodiverse library leaders and potential leaders, strengthening library leadership by inclusion of under-utilised talent.</p>	Lancaster & Huddersfield	
<p><b>Library access and support for local refugee &amp; asylum seeker groups</b>  <b>Aim:</b> To support Asylum seekers and Refugees (AS&amp;R) in the Lancaster &amp; Morecambe District, working with three groups that interact with AS&amp;R in the local area. These include Global Link, East meets West: a cross-cultural group of women; and the Ukrainian Hub.</p>	Lancaster & Cumbria	
<p><b>Inclusive Imaginations</b>  <b>Aim:</b> To use the range of the collections of the UoL Special Collections &amp; Archives and Museums &amp; Galleries, and LJMU Special Collections &amp; Archives to develop and deliver a series of student-focussed, creative workshops linked to EDI events throughout February – April 2023. Working with an artist, the project will reference significant dates, including (but not exclusively) Race Equality Week, LGBTQ+ History Month, International Women’s Day and Autism Awareness Day.</p>	Liverpool & Liverpool John Moores	
<p><b>Living while black - anti racism talk for student-facing teams</b>  <b>Aim:</b> The aim of the project is to provide an informed and different view of anti-racism from speaker Marsha Garrett, an advocate for anti-racism who uses her own personal experience to share her story. Sharing this insight with Library and student facing teams, as part of an ongoing professional development programme, will help with understanding of what it is like for a person of colour living in today's society.</p>	Teesside	

<p><b>Library services for international students in ALN member institutions</b></p> <p><b>Aim:</b> This proposal is that members of the YHULISS (Yorkshire and Humberside University Librarians' Inclusive Student Support) group will update the <a href="#">SCONUL guidelines</a> on supporting international students in the post-covid era, continuing the research originally conducted in 2007. This will involve a literature survey; web surveys of ALN member institutions; focus groups with international students and surveys and interviews with international students.</p>	Huddersfield	
<p><b>Human Library Joint Initiative</b></p> <p><b>Aim:</b> to work together to create two separate in-person Human Library events at each of the institutions, both project teams meeting regularly to share learnings and best practice and to develop a toolkit for ALN staff who would like to create and/or host Human Library related content and events in the future. Hull plans to host their event in the spring, using both staff and students as "books". The Huddersfield event will run in the summer for staff only.</p>	Huddersfield & Hull	